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## Overseas Mail Rules Changed

Soldiers Must Ask for Packages To Be Mailed Overseas

A recent survey of conditions obtaining in the shipment of mail to our soldiers overseas revealed that more than eight times as much cargo space per man was utilized in November, 1942, for mail than in November, 1918.

The mail forwarded in November, 1942, consumed cargo space equivalent to the total capacity of three 11,000 ton ships of the "Liberty" class—ships that are vitally needed to provide food, ammunition, and the countless items of supply that are the raw material of victory. With the steady expansion of our forces overseas, this presents a problem of pressing and ever-growing importance.

The enormous amount of space consumed by packages, and the fact that they so frequently contain objects that are already supplied by the Army in compact bulk shipments, have impelled the War Department, in cooperation with the Post Office Department, to issue new regulations. Effective Jan. 15, no package may be sent to a soldier overseas unless it contains an article that has been requested by the soldier, and the request has been approved by the commander of the battalion or similar unit. The package will not be accepted by the post office unless the written request, bearing the commanding officer's approval, is presented.

These packages will be limited in weight to five pounds, and may not be more than 15 inches in length, and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Under the new regulations, magazines and newspapers may be mailed to a soldier only by the publisher and only if the soldier is the subscriber. However, the soldier will be free to subscribe to any newspaper or magazine he wishes, and will not require special permission to do so.

The only exception to these rules will be in the case of soldiers who have been sent overseas while packages, addressed to them at a station in the United States, were in transit. Such packages will be forwarded overseas.

Experience indicates that the new restrictions on packages will work no hardship. In the main, these rules will operate merely to prevent the duplication of items of foodstuffs, clothing, and other articles already adequately supplied by the Army. Every effort is made by the Special Service Division and the Army Exchange (See MAIL, Page 16)

## WD Lists Requisites For College Training

Qualifications for the selection of a limited number of enlisted men in the Army for training in basic and advanced specialized subjects in designated colleges and universities under the Army's Specialized Training Program were announced by the War Department.

Applicants for basic specialized training under the plan must meet three requirements. These are:

1. An Army General Classification Test score of 110 or better.
  2. Must have been graduated from an accredited high school and be between the ages of 18 and 21, inclusive. Applicant must not have reached his 22nd birthday.
  3. Must have completed or must be in the process of completing the regular basic training of the Army.
- In order to qualify for advanced training under the plan, the applicant, in addition to having the qualifications for basic specialized training, must have had at least one year of college work in a recognized college or university or equivalent training and must be 18 years of age or over but not necessarily under 22. Applicants who have had less than a year of college work are eligible for

the basic specialized training.

All training conducted under the Army's Specialized Training program is for enlisted men who meet these requirements. Men not now in the Army, after induction will be eligible to participate in the Specialized Training program after they have met these requirements.

Under the program, educational training will be carried on while the men are on active duty, in uniform, receiving pay and under general military discipline. Military training of the students will continue, although subordinated to academic instruction.

The Army's Specialized Training program is being administered by newly-established Army Specialized Training Division under the direction of the commanding general, Services of Supply.



BALDY AND FRIZZLY TOP get together in the Fiji Islands. Pfc. Benjamin H. Burton, a member of the U. S. task force in the British colony in the Southwest Pacific, admires the Fiji Islander's head—and with good reason, seeing how his was recently shaved. Instead of the cannibals they had read about, the Yank soldiers met a friendly group of natives allied in the cause of democracy.

—Signal Corps Photo

## Just What He Wanted: Moosehead for Xmas

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Pvt. John E. Hobart of Co. D, 34th Signal Training Battalion, got an unusual Christmas gift from his Aunt Margaret—a moose-head.

His Aunt Margaret had heard of the barrenness of a soldier's barracks and thought she would brighten her nephew's life. That's what she thought, said Hobart.

The moose-head arrived in an enormous box which practically ruined the day for the mail clerk. Hobart doesn't know what to do with the moose-head. It won't fit in the space over his bunk. It won't get into his barracks bag.

But he wrote Aunt Margaret and told her how deeply he appreciated the moose-head and how the boys in the barracks all gathered around to gaze fondly at it when they felt sad and lonely.

Aunt Margaret was cheered to realize what she has done for the Army and when Private Hobart has his birthday in January she's going to send him a sun-lamp, she has written.

## Soldier, Officer Rescue Private in Icy Stream

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Strong swimming and quick thinking saved

the life of a private last week when Pfc. Cleo T. Coleman, Company A, 365th Engineers General Service Regiment (Negro), dove into the icy waters of a Camp Campbell stream to rescue the driver of a jeep that had plunged off a bridge during test maneuvers.

Pvt. James D. Jackson, 40th Signal Construction Battalion (Negro), was the last to start his machine across the partially submerged bridge thrown up for maneuvers. Near the middle of the stream he suddenly swerved and the jeep jumped off the

bridge into deep water.

Coleman, who was standing on the bank at the bridgehead, immediately jumped in and swam to the entirely submerged vehicle. Private Jackson could not swim and was floundering helplessly in the middle of the stream until the rescuer reached him.

At the same time Lt. Murray G. Corbin, 365th Engineers General Service Regiment, had also jumped into the water from upstream and had swum quite a distance to help. The bank was too steep and high to permit crawling out, and the rescuers had to cling to overhanging branches until a boat arrived to pick them up.

Except for the ducking, no one was injured. The jeep remained completely covered by water for almost another day before it could be removed.

The Signal Corps had been practicing driving under flood conditions, and the engineers had erected a bridge for them.

## Army Buys Hotels To House Soldiers

The Army is using 43,080 hotel rooms to house personnel in various cities, according to a report from the Joint Economy Committee of Congress, of which Senator Byrd is chairman.

The Army was reported to have bought eight hotels and to be proceeding with condemnation action leading to the purchase of two others. In addition, 475 hotels are under Army lease.

## Third of Officers OCS Trained

About one-third of the officers of the Army of the United States are graduates of the Officer Candidate Schools, which means that they won their commissions after service in the ranks. It was announced by the War Department. The bulk of this group were commissioned within the last six months.

In addition, almost one-half of the total officer strength of today's Army came from the National Guard and the organized reserves. The remainder includes officers of the Regular Army and those who were appointed from civilian life because of special skills.

The commissions granted directly from civil life were chiefly in the Medical Department, the Judge Advocate General's Department, the Corps of Engineers, the Ordnance Department, the Signal Corps, and the Army Air Forces, for duty in highly specialized positions. Many of these officers were top-bracket men in their civilian professions.

The recently announced policy of filling future officer requirements almost entirely through Officer Candidate

Schools, the War Department pointed out, was made possible by the outstanding success of this democratic system. Reports from training camps and maneuvers, and from the ultimate test of the battlefield, have emphasized the qualities of leadership displayed by officers who came up from the ranks through these

schools.

Up to the end of 1942, 13,561 recent graduates of Officer Candidate Schools had received promotions from the initial grade of second lieutenant. Of these, 13,156 are now first lieutenants, 397 are captains, 7 are majors, and one is a lieutenant colonel.

## Diapers Prove Boon to Rookie Who Wants Rag Right Size

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—A battalion supply sergeant who prefers to remain anonymous was checking over the laundry lists when he found an entry for half a dozen diapers.

He sought out the corporal. "First the WAACS and then the WAVES," he grumbled, "and now this. Diapers! Whatta job."

The corporal promptly called a soldier assigned to the laundry detail.

"List 'em as face towels and send 'em on through," said the soldier, a family man, "then check the guy who owns 'em when he comes to pick up his bundle." The yardbird who owned the diapers was glad to explain.

"Handiest thing in the world," he said. "Use one of 'em to clean my rifle. An undershirt is too fuzzy. A bath towel is too long. Diaper's just right."

"Carry another inside my mess kit. Keeps the knife and fork from digging holes in the aluminum. Quick polish job right after show, and the old mess kit is ready for inspection."

"Always saves time to keep a diaper in your shoe-shining kit. Quick dust-off just before inspection time saves me many a trick at KP."

"But you can't really appreciate a good soft diaper until you've worn it folded inside your steel helmet. Those helmets can give your head an awful jolt. Soft diaper's the best thing in the world for a cold steel helmet."

The extra two diapers, he explained, were replacements.

"But diapers ain't GI," interrupted the soldier in charge of the laundry detail. "You can't . . ."

The sergeant broke in. "In this case," he said firmly, "diapers is GI. Genius—Incorporated."

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.





**PIGEON No. 1169** has been cited for meritorious service by Brig. Gen. Rollin L. Tilton, commanding the Chesapeake Bay Sector. Member of a loft in service in the sector, Pigeon No. 1169 flew to its shore base when released from a Coast Guard schooner which had lost contact with the base. The message the pigeon carried relieved concern for the ship and crew.

—Fort Monroe PRO Photo

## Why They Smile How GI's Look from Other Side Of Counter, Told by PX Girls

By Pvt. Williams K. Forrest  
CAMP GRANT, Ill.—No one as yet has tried to establish the exact status of the PX girls—what they think, what they know, or what they feel. It is about time that this was done, because they have us tabbed down to the last degree.

The girls were startlingly frank in their comments and requested that no names be mentioned, so that if unintended offense is given, the culprit will remain sub rosa.

### Not So Flattering

G . . . explained what the PX meant to her; and her reason might not be flattering to the men she smiled upon, if they considered her smiles personal. They are distributed solely for the sake of patriotism.

She said she has a brother in the Army, and in his frequent letters home, he tells of smiles and kindnesses rendered. His letters explain that there are tough times that a gentle word and an hour in the exchange or canteen can overcome.

"He's overseas now," said G . . . "and whenever a man comes into the PX I treat him as I'd want my brother to be treated. The newcomers especially. They're in need of it most."

"After all," finished G . . . "to smile and be gay in the PX is the least I can do for my brother and those who have been kind to him." H . . . logically comes after G . . .

so we'll put her there. But her ideas on the subject do not follow as logically. H . . . is a very definite little person and quite attractive.

"I have no special motives," she said. "It's just a job to me. The only thing about it that I like more than usual jobs is the men. I swear I've learned more about men—how to handle them, how to kid them along and outwit them—than I'd learn in a 100 years anywhere else. A good bunch of them are just big babies. About 80 per cent of them try to date me up, and they always go about it in that good old New York style. 'Hello, honey, what in the world are you doing in Rockford? You look like a big-time baby to me.'"

"And then I look coy and roll my eyes and sell them a snowball. I

have a boy friend in the Army, and the more I see of men, the more I realize that his faults aren't so bad."

S . . . had other thoughts and considerations on the matter. She is tall, blond and pleasant to speak to.

### No Variety

"What startled me in the PX," she said, "was the lack of variety in men. Not only do they all look alike, but they all act alike."

"I never went out terribly much, and I had the idea that each fellow was a definite somebody. Now I think every fellow is the same as every other fellow. I haven't accepted a date in four weeks. And I won't, either," added S . . . "unless a real original man pops out of the crowd, so I'll know he's there."

C . . . had a different version. She wears a very delicate wedding band of which she is extremely proud. C . . . , by the way, is very dark and her hair is a mass of curly black. She has contrasting eyes and a quick animated way of speaking.

"I don't care what the rest say, but I think the men are swell. No matter how hard things get, the majority of them buck up and grin. The ones that don't at least try to. I can see them struggling."

### Likes All Men

"I like all the men that come in here, and they all like me. I haven't met one fresh guy and I know I never will. I think a girl is judged by the way she looks at things. The fellows are my friends and we understand each other. I'll do anything possible to help them along."

"After all, this isn't any old job in a store or something. It's wartime and the fellows are being swell about it, and I'm going to be swell with them."

D . . . said, "I often get tired and discouraged in the PX. The officers are usually pretty nice, but some of the privates don't take you into consideration at all. They bark commands at you and throw the money down. I don't like it because I am used to being treated as a woman, and not as a slave."

And then finally, there was B . . . B . . . is very slim and very quiet. Her voice sometimes goes so low you can't hear it. She blushes prettily, and has fair skin. B . . . said, "The PX has done a lot for me. I'm still a shy person, but I'm not half as shy as I used to be."

### Can Hold Her Own

"Being here everyday, with no place to hide, meeting hundreds of fellows—it took a good deal of fear away. I can hold my own now, and I have the PX to thank for it."

B . . . paused, her eyes bright, her cheeks dimpled.

"Why, do you know what I did? I actually asked a boy to take me out. He almost fainted, but he did it."

"We go out all the time now."

## Pickett Pickups

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—The holidays came and went at Pickett—WAACless. The camp had its fingers crossed and its stocking hung—figuratively speaking—for the arrival of the first contingent of 150 members of the Army Auxiliary Corps December 28, but a last-minute postponement to January 11 means that the stocking would have to remain hung a while.

### Camouflage

Second Army troops at this post saw the convincing camouflage demonstration staged by visiting Capt. Howard A. Sawitzke, Second Army Headquarters. Out of a hillside covered with brush, small trees and other natural cover, machine-guns, anti-tank guns and snipers appeared by the dozens from well-concealed points of vantage. Among interested spectators were Col. Leonard S. Arnold, commanding officer of Special Second Army units serving here; Lt. Col. Howard Ayers, of this post, and many post officers.

In Company C, 11th Medical Training Battalion, of the MRTC, there's a private named Smith C. Brothers.

Sgt. Elmer Salenius, of the MRTC Special Training Unit here, and Pvt. Norman H. Leonard Jr., Co. A, 10th Medical Training Battalion, sat next to each other for 10 minutes or so chatting about the Adjutant General's Officer Candidate School, for which both were applying. The pair was waiting to appear before the MRTC Officer Candidate Board, and soon the conversation got around to education.

"Harvard," proudly asserted Sergeant Salenius.

"Yale man!" blurted Private Leonard, astonished.

You could have cut the ensuing silence with a knife.

### FATE?

The sheet of white mimeographed paper fluttered unerringly down the stairway of Post Headquarters, banked and pivoted easily with a stray breeze until it was almost before the very nose of Lt. Russell E. Philip, Chemical Warfare Supply Officer.

The sheet read: "I, . . . , hereby volunteer for duty with parachute troops. Etc., etc."

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## WAAC Nurse Saw Action at Manila

FORT DES MOINES, Ia.—Among the thousands of young women who are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Des Moines, there is at least one who will not have to learn how to behave under fire, for she has already proved her worth at Manila last December, and again at Port Darwin, where she helped evacuate women and children.

Her name is Mrs. Ann Pennington Schmidt. She is the wife of Commander Axel J. Schmidt, who is now serving "some place" in the Pacific.

On Nov. 9, 1941, Mrs. Schmidt left the West Coast as nurse aboard the S. S. President Grant on a round-the-world trip. She returned to these shores Feb. 20, 1942, ten pounds lighter in weight and a heroine by acclamation.

The evening of Dec. 8, the S. S. President Grant was caught in Manila Harbor without weapons of any sort, her white decks a sure target for enemy aircraft. Orders were given to leave the harbor im-

mediately. All passengers were disembarked and 56 members of the crew were left in Manila. Mrs. Schmidt was the only woman member of the crew aboard ship. The ship headed for Port Darwin and since it was short on crew members, every able person was given a paint brush and put to work camouflaging the boat against possible air attack.

After a hazardous voyage on a circuitous route through seas which had not been charted since 1860, the S. S. President Grant reached Port Darwin, where 287 women and children were picked up for evacuation to Brisbane. This was the only American ship to perform this service.

On the way to Brisbane the children had to be bathed and put to bed before six o'clock, for after nightfall not even a match could be used. Grown-ups had to be kept cheerful and sick folks cared for in utter darkness. Most of the time Mrs. Schmidt had but a few hours

sleep each night, and then only in a deck chair. Even that scant rest was disturbed by repeated calls for assistance. Ten years experience in shipboard nursing and an ability to keep her head in emergencies saw Mrs. Schmidt through these harrowing days.

She can not say enough in praise of the American women on board.

"When the journey began," she recounted, "there weren't even enough deck chairs to go around. These women sat uncomplainingly on bare decks, grateful for any attention or comforts they received and eager to be helpful."

The S. S. President Grant reached San Francisco Feb. 20, where Mrs. Schmidt got in touch with her parents and her children, Elizabeth, Robert, and Donald. Commander Schmidt, who had reported for duty as soon as the United States entered the war, had left home and did not see his wife until some time later.

Mrs. Schmidt was presented with a gold compact case by the Australian Red Cross in gratitude for her services. It bears the inscription: "Presented by the Australian Red Cross to Ann Pennington Schmidt, for her part in evacuating women and children from Port Darwin, December 19, 1941."

Mrs. Schmidt completed her basic training in 15th Company, 3rd Training Center Regiment, at Fort Des Moines. She was then trained as a specialist and is now caring for orthopedic patients in the WAAC hospital.

## Officers To Study Court Procedure

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—A course in military court procedure has been added to the monthly training schedule for all commissioned officers of the 114th Service Command Unit during January, camp headquarters announced.

Maj. Thomas L. Thistle, camp judge advocate, who took active interest in drawing up the schedule, and Capt. Leon E. McCarthy, assistant judge advocate, will give the lectures.

Subjects to be considered are: organization of military courts-martial, military courts procedure, observation of actual trial by courts-martial, and military offenses. In addition to observing actual trials, the officers will be given assignments requiring study of prescribed textbooks.

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**EACH PAY DAY** soldiers of the Seventh Signal Training Regiment at Camp Crowder, Mo., go in a body to the post office to buy bonds for cash. Part of the more than 150 cash purchasers last pay day are shown above. The plan was started by Col. Charles T. O'Neill, regimental commander, and has been a factor in pushing the regiment's bond purchases to almost \$800,000.

## Quartet Broken Up but . . .

# Army Trio Entertains Boys

**FORT CUSTER, Mich.**—Family quartettes are not uncommon in professional singing circles, but three members of such a group don't turn up often at the Fort Custer Reception Center on the same day. That's the case of the Rogers brothers whose father, Robert Rogers, has been made a soloist by his sons' mass entrance into the armed forces.

The newly-inducted trio awaiting

assignment at the PRC here contains Edward G., 29, the bass; Robert P. Jr., 22, second tenor; and William G. Rogers, 20, first tenor. They hope to continue as a vocal team in the service and even began rehearsing three-part harmony on the train bringing them to Fort Custer.

Since their arrival they have entertained the men in their barracks with many of their selections, usually winding up the day for their buddies with "Taps." When a group of their friends were recently moved out of Fort Custer, the Rogers brothers responded to calls for "just one more song" by staging a musical farewell, including appropriately "Off to the Wars" and "Smile Awhile."

The triple induction of the Rogers brothers wasn't planned by the draft board. When the two younger

brothers were called in the December quota, Edward asked to be included that the trio might remain intact. All the brothers are married but have no children, and their wives have been assured jobs in defense plants.

The men have expressed preferences for the mechanized forces. Bill was employed on the Ford tank assembly line. "I've helped build the tanks, now I want to drive one," he declared. Bob worked in the River Rouge plant, while Edward worked for a finance company.

The Rogers made their first soldier public appearance on New Year's Eve at a Battle Creek USO party. Most of their previous singing was done in churches, but they had appeared in floor shows and on the radio. Accompaniments are handled by Bob with his guitar.

## Fort Sam Shorts

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex.**—The world was made in seven days; Camp Ciholo, in eight.

Two weeks ago, members of the 879th Infantry Regiment arrived at a barren area 12 miles north of Camp Bullis. Eight days later, on the spot was a neat, clean tent camp, capable of accommodating an entire regiment.

In three days an advance guard erected most of the tents necessary for living and eating, started and finished most of the latrines, and constructed roads around the area. Drainage, the most difficult problem, was accomplished by dynamiting.

Last week was a busy one for Erwin Prasse, former Iowa All-American football star.

He got back from a furlough. He starred in a series of basketball games with the 95th Division team.

He was promoted to sergeant. He became a father.

Basketball games at Fort Sam Houston are rough and tough—on the fans!

The only major injury sustained at the 95th Infantry Division-Texas Aggie basketball game here last week was suffered by Cpl. Harley Nelson, of the Brooke General Hospital Detachment. In his excitement at the match, he fell off the bleachers and fractured his collar bone.

### RARE BIRDS

"Rare birds" among 95th Infantry Division "yardbirds" as revealed by a file compiled by the classification section of the division's Adjutant General's office include:

An infantryman who speaks, reads, and writes Arabic, Persian, Chinese, Japanese, Malayan, and Hindu.

A former horse trainer and breaker who speaks French, German, and Flemish.

An infantryman who handled 35 monkeys for an animal act.

A chicken-sexer, a watch and clock repairer, and 14 public relations men.

### MOVED

Third Army headquarters, formerly located in the Smith-Young Tower in downtown San Antonio, have been moved to the historic old Quadrangle at Fort Sam Houston.

The new location was that formerly used by the Eighth Service Command for its headquarters.

## Service Clubs Affected By Food Rationing

Clubs for officers or enlisted men at military posts and elsewhere are subject under Army policy to the same food rationing regulations as similar establishments in the civilian community, the War Department has announced.

Subsistence food supplies are not furnished workers on war projects in Continental United States. If, however, shortages make it impossible to furnish meals on the same basis as allowed in civilian restaurants, Army Quartermaster Depots and Market Centers stand ready to assist in obtaining the necessary supplies from sources other than military stocks.

Civilian workers on military projects beyond Continental United States (excluding Alaska) may be furnished food from military sources, but only when foodstuffs are not available through commercial channels. These supplies are not to exceed the garrison ration scale and are not to be drawn from military reserves.

Enlisted men's and officers' messes

will continue to draw or purchase full garrison rations which are subject in some degree to shortages as they develop but will be maintained as a scientific balanced diet essential to efficiency. In cases where the officers or men prepare their own meals—as for home consumption—they are allowed to purchase the equivalent of standard Army issue rations from post commissaries. However, articles such as sugar and coffee, which are rationed in the civilian community are rationed likewise in the Army commissaries.

## Gen. King Gets DSM For Care of Wounded

Brig. Gen. Edgar King has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service in caring for the wounded in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

General King had the responsibility of preparing plans of the Medical Department of the Army in Hawaii for operations in case of battle.

## Soldiers Aid Newsboy Who Lost His Wallet

**FORT SILL, Okla.**—Newsboy Eddie Morris, 11, lost his billfold containing a five-spot at the Fort Sill Reception Center.

A selectee, still in civies, chipped

in a \$1 bill for a paper, a captain traded two bits for a copy, and so on. So Newsboy Eddie isn't as far in the red as he might have been.

## HOW YANK BOXER BEAT JUJITSU CHAMP

In fight to finish at Tokyo told in January Reader's Digest



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## An Eye for an Eye?

The Bible says: "An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth."

Most people are quick to cite the Bible on this point.

But what they forget is that the Bible raises the question specifically to condemn the philosophy of "An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth."

The Bible evidences an acute awareness of the fact that a strict vengeance policy can work two ways. He who has lost only an eye and asks for an eye in payment may lose in turn a tooth. If he tries to extract a tooth to balance the books again, he may have to sacrifice a hand in the ensuing struggle.

There are reports that the Japanese are refusing to abide by International Law and are treating captured chaplains without the respect their position merits. We don't doubt this in the least. The Japanese in the past, as shown by their conduct in China, have made no pretense of abiding by International Law. Usually they don't even bother to offer excuses. This time, though, they have an excuse, weak though it may be. "Velly solly," say the Japs, "honorable clergyman are carrying guns. Popular song, 'Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition,' boasts that chaplains good shots. So solly."

Of course, it wouldn't do any good to point out that both chaplains to whom that historic phrase has been credited vehemently deny ever shouldering a gun. The Japs aren't looking for facts, only excuses. On the other hand, neither would it do any good to follow the course some people are quick to offer—give the interned Japs in our western camps a rough going over in retribution. To do that only would arouse the enemy to further violations of decency, give them more excuses.

Usually the first to shout for this kind of retributive vengeance are those who have nothing to lose themselves. The statesmen on both sides who ordered war prisoners to be chained risked nothing. The only ones who suffered were the prisoners who were chained. Any man in the armed forces of the United States subject to overseas duty may be a prisoner of war within the next year.

To hate the enemy is one thing. But to loose our passions on helpless prisoners is a dangerous boomerang. To violate any of the "conventions" of war sets a precedent that may be used against us. The Nazis, for instance, first bombed British cities; today the Germans are receiving a severe blasting on their own home front.

The best alternative is to knock hell out of the enemy—on the battlefield.

## Patterson Praises Army Education

### Under-Secretary Sees No Chance of 'Rule By the Sword'

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Praising the Army's policy of laying stress on the education of officers and decrying the popular fear of "rule by the sword," the Hon. Robert P. Patterson, under-secretary of war, addressed the second graduating class of the School of Military Government here.

The Army's emphasis on education, and more education, for its officers is "a reflection of the general American reflection on education as the best means for conditioning men and women to grapple with the issues that lie ahead of them," the under-secretary said.

#### Planned Ahead

He stressed the fact that this is the first time this country has ever been forehanded in planning against the day "when military government in occupied territories might become a necessity."

People who cry out against this type of planning and express the age-old fear of "rule by the sword," are hampering the success of our arms, the War Department official stated. These fears are imaginary. In their face "we must keep our sense of humor" and go ahead with our long-range planning, he declared.

"We have no use for imperialism. That is no part of the Army's policy." He went on to explain that the duty of occupation officers is "essentially administrative" and assured that when the conflict had moved far enough away or had ceased entirely, "civilian government can take control."

#### Diplomas Conferred

Diplomas were conferred by Maj. Gen. Allen W. Gullion, the provost marshal general. Dr. John Lloyd Newcomb, president of the University of Virginia, also addressed the class. Graduating officers had completed a four-month course of training for subsequent detail in connection with

military government and liaison. They came from all branches of the Army and ranged in rank from captain to colonel.

A new class reports for training today.

### Soldier Art Shown In Missouri, Kansas

FORT RILEY, Kans.—An exhibit of soldier art by present and former Cavalry Replacement Training Center troopers is now being hung at the Kansas City Canteen, 1021 McGee Street, Kansas City, Mo. An expert from the William Rockhill Nelson Art Galleries in Kansas City is in charge of hanging the show.

The 32 works include pieces by Pvt. Matsumi Kanemitsu, Japanese artist from the M detachment; Cpl. Curtis Tann, colored artist from the 8th Squadron, and Sgt. Warren Beach and Sgt. Tech. John Lear, formerly of CRTC.

The exhibit, which just returned from the National Army Art Show at Fort Custer, Mich., includes oils, water-colors, charcoals, pen and ink sketches and brush sketches. Subject matter ranges from Army scenes through portraits, landscapes and abstractions. Other works by the same artists are now being exhibited throughout Kansas at units of the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs.

### Women Relieve Man Shortage at Edwards

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Although the shortage of civilian manpower is being felt at the Motor Transportation District headquarters here, 12 women have helped to relieve the situation by filling positions previously held by men.

## Going Down Together



—Pvt. J. Stampone

## LETTERS

### Perils of Plagiarism

In re that North African influence, as exhibited by the two G.I. Ghandis trying to hypnotize, respectively, the bullsnake and the horse, in your December 12 issue. . . . Coincidence our eye!

We ran the picture of Sergeant Peters and the snake in a November issue of the Fort Sill Army News; some alert cavalryman at Ft. Riley, more charmed by the whole idea than the snake was, picked it up and did a hippologic version for the Ft. Riley Guidon.

We're not mad, though. We got this sweet letter from Ft. Riley public relations officer:

"Dear Sir:

"Is our face red?"

"Several weeks ago we noticed your excellent gag-shot of the clarinetist and the snake and we thought we would like to use the idea ourselves. Page 8 of the Army Times of Dec. 12 shows the evils of plagiarism and how it caught up with us.

"We would have preferred to use a snake but they were all hibernating in these parts and we would have liked to had our man's clothing off but it was below freezing. Consequently the horse was the nearest we could come to your excellent idea.

"Again—many apologies. If there is anything you care to use out of the Ft. Riley Guidon, the sky is the limit.

"Cordially yours,

"Stanton G. Marquardt,  
Captain, Cavalry,  
Public Relations Officer."

So we're watching the Guidon.

**FORT SILL ARMY NEWS**  
P.S.—Incidentally, Sergeant Peters really DID capture Winston Churchill during the Boer War, and that's no bullsnake.

### Has Five Stars

I wish to call to your attention your article in the December 19 issue of Army Times in regards to Pvt. Tidwell's mother having four stars for sons in the armed forces. Good luck to her and the boys. However, my mother has five stars in her front window.

Mother has sons in the Air Corps, Ala., the Coast Artillery, Dela., Regular Army, Princeton, N. J., the Induction Center, Fort Dix, N. J., and the Armored Division, Va.

T-4 Armond L. Ferrara,  
Div Hq Co APO #253  
Camp Pickett, Va.

### This Is Official

## Purely Personal

AT ANY TIME during the war you may expect a sudden change of station. You will want to know that your family is being protected during your absence. Now is the time to arrange your personal affairs—and theirs; you may be too busy later on. This series of articles will help you to do so. The material is taken from the War Department's booklet, "Personal Affairs of Military Personnel and Their Dependents," and is therefore official. Of course, all laws are subject to change. To keep the record straight, each section that follows will indicate the date on which the specific laws were in effect.—Ed.

### SECTION XVI—INSTALLMENT 9

#### Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940

**76. General.**—The primary purpose of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (Bull. 35, W. D., 1940) as amended October 6, 1942 (Bull. 50, W. D., 1942), is to relieve members of the military service from worry over their inability to liquidate their contract obligations by reason of reduced income. The act does not declare a moratorium on all debts of soldiers during service. Instead, each case is decided by the appropriate court on its own merits upon all the relevant facts. The important element is whether or not the individual concerned is less able to pay his obligation by reason of his military service. Furthermore during his period of military service, or six months thereafter, the person may affirmatively apply to a court for relief with respect to obligations incurred prior to military service for any tax or assessment whether falling due prior to or during period of military service. The court may on certain conditions stay the enforcement of such obligations.

### Note

In Section XV, which ran in our Dec. 26, 1942, issue we said the Allotments and Allowance Branch was located in Washington. This is no longer true. Applications are now sent to Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Washington St., Newark, N. J.

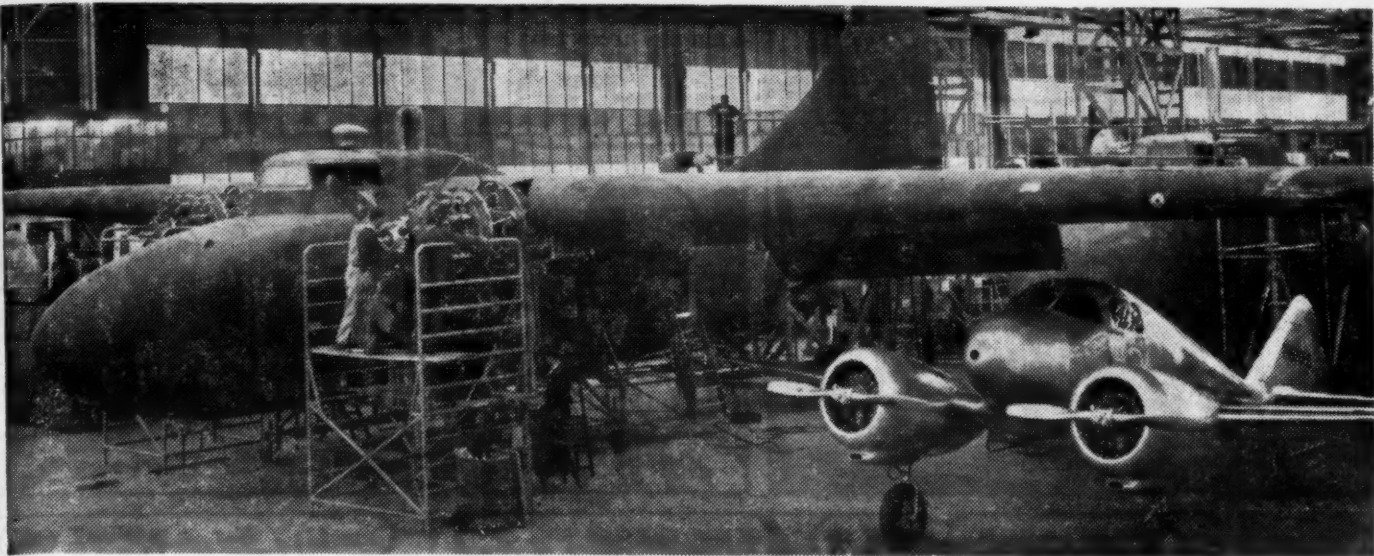
It has also been brought to our attention that an important point has been overlooked by some men who have applied for allotment benefits. When the act first went into effect, prior to the printing of WD AGO Form 625, informal applications were filled in and were to be supplemented when the new forms were available. Some soldiers have never filled in the Form 625, just the informal application. Therefore, their dependents have never received payment and they do not understand the reason. Form 625 must be used before payment can be made.

**77. Court proceedings.**—a. Court appearance.—where suit is instituted or in existence involving a soldier as plaintiff or defendant, the court will appoint an attorney to appear for the person in military service, or he may appoint an attorney himself, without appearing personally if he is unable so to do. A certificate signed by his commanding officer will be acceptable to the court as proof that the person is actually in military service.

b. Stay of proceedings.—At any stage of a court proceedings in which a person in military service is a plaintiff or defendant, the court at its discretion may stay proceedings during the time of such military service and for six months thereafter, if in the opinion of the court the ability of the person either to prosecute or defend the case is materially affected by reason of his military service. In addition the court may vacate or stay

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**FIRST TIME** a picture of the first military transport plane in the present war to be built almost entirely of wood and other non-strategic materials is released. This is also the first American transport plane to be designed since we joined the war. Built by Curtiss-Wright, it is the giant, new Caravan (C-76).

The new air freighter has a wing spread of 108 feet, is 68 feet long and is powered by two 1200 h.p. engines. Since it hasn't yet undergone tests, no further data is available. It can be used as a troop carrier.

## Broadway On Tour

**'Damask Cheek' to Play at Fort Hancock at Private's Request**

FORT HANCOCK, N. J.—Through the efforts of a Fort Hancock soldier, the entire company of the Broadway stage success, "The Damask Cheek," will journey to this post Sunday to play a special performance.

Cpl. Franklin Reiley recently dropped in to see his old friend, Flora Robson, star of the production. One good word let to another and before Corporal Reiley had departed, he had wangled a promise from Miss Robson to bring her company to the post.

The play, hailed by New York critics as one of the finest comedies of the year, relates the story of an English girl who comes to New York to find a husband at about the turn of the century.

The scenery for the Hancock presentation will be constructed by Pfc. John Hampshire, director of the post theatre section, who will be assisted by his staff.

"The Damask Cheek" was presented recently at Fort Meade, Md., the only other time it has been seen off Broadway since it opened.

Miss Robson, who plays the role of Rhoda Meldrum, has appeared in such well known plays and movies as "Ladies In Retirement," "Wuthering Heights" with Laurence Olivier.

## Three Soldiers Taken for Ride

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—The stars didn't shine one dark night and for that reason three soldiers here got one of the biggest thrills of their military careers. The trio, consisting of a sergeant, a corporal and a private, stepped into a sedan one night last week when it pulled up for them at one of the camp's "free ride" corners, and settled back in the darkened interior for a pleasant ride into nearby Durham.

They chatted pleasantly enough with the officer in the front seat, his wife and son. They knew he was an officer because they saw something gleaming on his shoulders. They assumed that he was a first lieutenant because the "something" looked silvery. When the city lights flashed into the car, the chagrined trio learned that they had been exchanging light pleasures with none other than Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker Jr., commanding general of their division. The something on his shoulders were silver stars!

## Soldier-Dentist Is Veteran

MRTC, CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Genial Dwight McCormick, 44-year-old dentist, soldiered under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Rainbow division during the first World War, and winner of the Purple Heart order as the result of being wounded and gassed, is now a trainee here in Co. B, 55th Medical Training battalion, MRTC.

Highlight of his many experiences in World War I was General MacArthur's surprise appearance beside him along the French countryside. The general was pleasant but firm. He noticed that the horse McCormick rode was lagging and not doing a fair share of the job of hauling a heavy gun toward the front lines.

### MacArthur's Advice

"Remember, soldier, that animals should do their duty the same as men," the famous MacArthur declared. "Get your horse up there in the traces so he can help those other horses on the pull."

In Madison, Ind., McCormick had a dental surgery office for the last seven years. "Only reason I enlisted

was the American flag was flying on the county courthouse and I wanted to keep it there," McCormick declared. The day after he enlisted, a rule against enlistment of doctors and dentists was announced. He would have been commissioned—but for his age.

The twinkling-eyed, humorous Hoosier wants to finish basic training, he said, get rid of "some of my Santa Claus front," then apply again for a commission. "I think I'll be more valuable as a dentist than a litter bearer," said he.

### Dentistry Graduate

A graduate of the University of Indiana school of dentistry, McCormick worked in the Minneapolis general hospital a year without pay as a post graduate student, then became resident dentist at the Madison state hospital, remaining there nine years. He's a typical resident of Main Street, USA, being a former Kiwanian, a Mason, Legionnaire, Veteran of Foreign Wars member, and member of the national and state dental associations.

A member of the field artillery in the first war, McCormick fought at the Baccarat sector, Champagne, Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne, was wounded June 5, 1918, and gassed July 10, 1918. He was in the Rainbow division two years; between wars, he was in the home guard infantry two years and the National Guard field artillery a year.



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## He's at Home in the Army



**THIS OLD PINE TREE** holds fond memories for Pvt. Mack R. Horrell, 34, 430th CA (AA) Separate Battalion. Private Horrell's barracks are within a few hundred yards of the house in which he was born. The tree under which he is standing still bears the faint traces of his boyish initials. —Signal Corps Photo



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## The Army Quiz

Are you a GI genius? Here's your chance to test your knowledge of things military.

1. How much does it cost to build a jeep?

\$500      \$900      \$1000  
\$1500      \$50

2. When was the first aircraft carrier commissioned?

1916      1917      1919  
1922      1931

3. Why is the diamond used as the insignia of the Army Finance Department?

A. Because the costly diamond is indicative of wealth.  
B. Because the designer had just become engaged and had diamonds on his mind.  
C. Because it's a simple design.

4. How many American troops were in the Philippines in December, 1941?

4,000      14,000      24,000  
54,000      104,000

5. Out of a population of about 400,000 Indians in the United States, how many are in the Army?

200,000      11,000      8,000  
50,000      700

6. How many different sizes of shoes does the Army issue?

12      16      255  
40      150

7. Why are there no cuffs on soldiers' uniforms?

A. Cuffs ruin the streamlined effect of the uniform.  
B. Leaving them off saves uniform material.  
C. They collect dirt and hinder marching.

8. The heroic defenders of Sevastopol held out against the Nazis for 245 days. In what other war during the last century was Sevastopol besieged?

A. World War I.  
B. The Crimean War.  
C. Russo-Japanese War.

9. How many kinds of decorations are authorized for soldiers now?

3      12      34  
8      41

10. On which side of a soldier should a civilian walk?

A. Left.  
B. Right.  
C. Front.  
D. Back.

(Answers on Page 16)

## Vice Admiral Hewitt Awarded DSM

Vice Admiral Henry K. Hewitt has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service in the occupation of French Morocco.

Admiral Hewitt was commander of the United States naval forces which escorted and supported the Army forces in successful landings and occupation of certain objectives in French Morocco from Nov. 7 to Nov. 15, 1942.

"By his careful planning and his able and efficient conduct of escort and coverage of United States Army landing forces, Vice Admiral Hewitt contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of one of three major objectives in the occupation of North Africa," the citation reads.



M/Sgt. Jack Zander, Camp Livingston, La. Damn that Song!

## Appropriate

FORT SILL, Okla.—A newly-arrived inductee being processed at Fort Sill was asked his name.

"Cries-for-War," he answered. The interviewer thought he had not heard right. But there was no mistake. The new soldier's full name was William Cries-for-War. He is an Indian from Ponca City, Okla.

## BOOKS...

By Mary Willis  
"ARMY POSTS AND TOWNS," by Charles J. Sullivan; Haynes, Los Angeles; \$3.

Included with the data on Army posts and towns in this evidently useful book are pertinent facts as to the origin of American military insignia; the decorations of the United States Army; the Army pay table; and the Army corps areas.

Prior to December 7, 1941, the manuscript of this book had complete data on every post then finished. The information included the location of every unit in the service, and the number of personnel living in quarters at each post, and on commutation. However, as soon as war was declared, all information not of public knowledge was removed from the book. The book still contains such information as transportation facilities; the post town and population of same; convenient hotels; schools; climate; and type of clothing worn by men in the service. Also suggestions are given as to whether private cars would be a help or a hindrance.

"AMERICAN SOLDIER BALLADS," by Frank B. Camp; Consolidated Book Pub., Chicago.

As an Army correspondent during the first war, Frank B. Camp made lasting friendships with thousands of enlisted men, officers and chaplains as he went from post to post, writing for the newspapers back home to give the folks a better understanding of the "boys in camp" and publishing hundreds of poems dedicated to the various military units.

Now with America again at war, Camp has resumed his job as correspondent and is going strong. Probably the favorite American poet of the present war, Camp has added thousands of men to the group of ardent fans of "the Kipling of the Army."

"FAMOUS AMERICAN ATHLETES OF TODAY: Eighth Series," by Harold Kueser; Page Co., Mass.; \$2.50.

Eighth in a series of biographies of American athletes, this collection brings intimate sketches of such of the newest and brightest stars as Evelyn Chandler, ice skating; Francis Charles Brimack, hockey; Theodore Williams, baseball; Craig Wood, golf; Sarah Palfrey Cooke, tennis; Endicott Peabody, football, and a number of other luminaries.

## The Army Press

The silly season is with us. Something seems to get into editors along about this time of the year—in fact, something seems to get into editor's along about any time of the year—and they blossom out with all sorts of gags and stunts. For instance:

1. The Kodiak Bear, Fort Greely, Alaska, treated its staff to a duck dinner. When the ducks were gone, the staff in a maudlin state regretted that all its readers couldn't have been there. So to the right ear of each copy of the next edition was pinned a feather. "We Ate the Duck: You Get the Feathers," the Bear told its readers.

2. Cannoneer's Post, Camp Roberts, Calif., couldn't think of a better Christmas gift for its readers than the favorite perfume of movie star Ann Sheridan. So it scented its whole edition with the Oomph Girl's pet smell. The post had also nominated Miss Sheridan as the official "Boom Boom Girl" of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center. Said the newly-dubbed "Boom Boom Girl" about her perfume: "I guarantee that it will lift morale."

When their cuts didn't come back from the engraver by press time, the AAB News, Army Air Base, Knob Noster, Mo., took the clever way out. Leaving the space for the pictures blank, a bit of type was inserted explaining why and pointing out that "These are definitely not normal times and late trains and disrupted mail schedules are a concomitant of the period."

A PS advised: "Just imagine this is a three-column, human interest picture of Pvt. George Smith holding in his hand a sparrow he had rescued from the snow."

In place of another picture was the explanation: "This is a picture of the EM who completed the course. They are really not as 'blank' as their expressions make them appear."

The Booster, litho mag at Napier Field, Ala., stole a trick from Esquire in its Christmas issue. The Booster featured a snazzy drawing of a pin-up girl. She was twice the size of the magazine format and folded over to fit in.

The 45th Division News, Pine Camp, N.Y., has an answer to the manpower shortage besetting so many Army editors. Editorialized this jazzy little sheet:

"The 45th Division News this week is looking around for whatever kind of blank you need to get a WAAC."

There is nothing funny about a WAAC, despite what cartoonists have drawn about them. WAAC's are all right. And we want one.

All the big newspapers these days are using copy girls instead of copy boys. We want a copy girl. She could sharpen pencils, and seal envelopes, and, well... sharpen pencils.

If anyone knows what kind of an

application you fill out to get a WAAC, drop up a line.

Incidentally, the following is from the same paper:

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# New GI Shoes Fit Any Feet, Ease Strain on Deformed

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—The Army has licked the tough problem of covering a deformed foot with shoes which appear normal in every respect and permit the wearer to walk in perfect comfort and without the pain attendant on the "breaking in" of ordinary shoes.

The announcement, which carries important military implications because it means that men with deformed or sub-normal feet will be available for active duty, was made by Maj. Edward K. Hovas, head of the regimental supply office of the Recruit Reception Center here, where the experiments were conducted.

## Lifetime Benefit

Perhaps the best part of the story is that the Army hopes to make the plaster casts used in making the new type shoes available to these soldiers when they return to civilian life so that never again will they have to undergo the agony of breaking in standard shoes to conform to their feet.

None will deny that Napoleon was right when he said "an army travels on its stomach" but it is literally true that today's fighting man must be properly fitted with shoes if he is to march at all. Further, both Army and medical experience has shown that the man who suffers from foot trouble is not efficient whether he drives a tank or sits behind a type-writer.

A unique problem was presented to the Army when the necessity of creating an army of 8,000,000 men resulted in the calling up of men, for limited service, who had been classified as 1-B and 4-F. Their induction meant the release of physically qualified men for combat duty.

## Feet Were Cause

Many of these limited service men had originally been so classified because of deformed or sub-normal feet and the regimental supply office was confronted with the problem of supplying shoes which would fit properly and allow the men to discharge their duties.

The deformities included club feet, claw toes, hammer toe and other malformations resulting from infantile paralysis, arthritis accidents at birth, etc.

It was readily apparent that if the men were fitted with standard GI shoes they would suffer extreme pain and be unable to perform their duties. This is true in civilian life, also, but seldom are the means available for correction, either because of financial resources or initiative.

## Army Does It

The Army had both the means and the initiative. With the approval of Col. Winfield O. Shrum, RRC commander, and under the supervision of Major Hovas, a series of experiments were conducted with the cooperation of the Army Medical Corps the Boston Quartermaster Depot and a well-known Boston firm which has specialized in this type of footwear.

Plaster casts exactly duplicating the feet of the men were obtained and wooden shoe lasts were prepared. Tailor-made shoes appear normal to the casual observer, but their interior construction permits the wearer to walk in comfort, no matter how sub-normal his foot may be.

Today at Fort Devens there are men wearing these shoes and, for the first time, walking with ease and lack of fatigue. One enlisted man, when questioned about his pair, replied "I intend to wear them to bed!"

## Casualty Figures Out

A total of 61,126 casualties has been reported among United States forces since the outbreak of the war, according to the Office of War Information. This includes those persons killed, wounded, missing, interned in neutral countries or known to be prisoners of war.

The Army reported, as of Dec. 20, 2193 killed, including 469 Philippine Scouts; 3,948 wounded, including 747 Scouts; 20,265 missing, including 11,352 Scouts; 1,016 prisoners of war and 106 interned in neutral countries. Of the total wounded, 699 have recovered and returned to duty.

## 'Psych' School At Lawson

The first class at the Army's School of Military Neuropsychiatry began January 4 at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. The course will last four weeks.

Only those medical officers who have had a minimum of twelve months' full-time training or practical experience in neurology or

Necessarily the experiments had to be conducted over a period sufficiently long to gauge the value of the shoes. When completed and the results checked, the go-ahead signal was given by Capt. Robert G. Henkelman, O. J. Howe and J. T. Keith of the Boston Quartermaster Depot for the installation of equipment to

make the special shoes at regimental supply office.

From now on men arriving at Devens will be shod with shoes conforming to their feet and never again, even in civilian life, will they be faced with the discomfort and pain, frequently the cause of more serious disorders associated with putting deformed feet into ordinary shoes.



**"PVT. QUIZZ WEST"** (Pvt.) Albert Allen of the MRTC, hero of Maxwell Anderson's new war play, "The Eve of St. Mark," chats with "Lill Bird" (Miss Pat Julie), left, and "Sal Bird" (Miss Bernice La Force) during one of the lighter moments of the play. Successfully presented at Camp Pickett, Va., by a cast of soldiers and civilians in the War Department theatre, the Army version of the current Broadway drama will be taken on

tour of Virginia theatres during the coming weeks.

Richmond will get its first view of the play on Jan. 14 and 15 when the Pickett actors appear at the Lyric Theatre there under the sponsorship of the Richmond Defense Service Council.

A matinee and evening performance today (Saturday) will be given in Roanoke at the Academy of Music, while two performances will be presented in Lynchburg Monday

## Expert Says Women Will Turn Over Jobs to Men After War

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—When the war is over, Sister Susie and Cousin Nellie will be glad to wash the grease off their hands and leave the jobs of welding and tool-making to the returning soldiers, in the opinion

of Pvt. William V. Bublis, an employment expert.

"The girls will just go home, get married and settle down to raise families," said Bublis, who was in charge of the employment department at the General American Transportation Corp. before entering the Army last week. The company is situated in East Chicago, Ind., and is working 100 per cent on war contracts, manufacturing such items as invasion barges, railroad freight cars, and powder cars among other things.

Private Bublis hired more than 8000 employees in his eight years with the firm, including several hundred women. He says that the fair sex take their work as seriously as do the men; have proven their efficiency on many jobs, including tool-grinding, and are not trying to look glamorous when reporting for work.

And contrary to popular belief, the gals waste no time powdering their noses on the job, according to Bublis. They work in slacks, steel-toed safety shoes, hair tucked under a cap, wear safety goggles, and no jewelry or silks. Two 15-minute rest periods during the day is all they require to "freshen up." Some of them will even take jobs as laborers.

"Women have broken production records," said Bublis, "and are very good on any job requiring only a single operation. But when it comes to changing a machine they admit that is still a man's job. They receive the same pay as men, and are willing to work just as hard."

Bublis believes there will be no unemployment problem when the nation's industries revert to peacetime production. He pointed out that the railroads are badly in need of more rolling stock, which, he said, is one reason for the gasoline shortage in the East. This means that his company will be busy filling orders which cannot even be considered at present, added Bublis, expressing the belief that the same will hold true for all other heavy industry.

"I am satisfied," he asserted, "that the returning soldiers will have no trouble getting back their former jobs."

## Fort Sillables

By STAFF SGT. JOHN GRUENBERG  
FORT SILL, Okla.—Five months before Pearl Harbor, Pvt. Leonce L. Rigaud was impressed with the sullen attitude of the Japanese toward Americans during a trip to the Orient aboard a merchant ship. Private Rigaud, who is on duty in the 27th Battalion of the Fort Sill Replacement Center, has sailed the seven seas, including several trips to the Far East. He states that sailors in the Merchant Marine, having seen the Japs first hand, were "not surprised at the outbreak of war" with Japan.

## BASKETEERS

More than a score of soldiers from the 7th Regiment in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill have turned out for the regimental basketball squad which will represent the Replacement Center in the 11-team Fort Sill League. The quintet, coached by Lt. Alex Semegen, former University of Akron (O.) player, starts league competition in mid-January. Several former college and high school tossers are among those reporting, including Pvt. Beryl Carew, 200-pound St. Louis University, and Pvt. Harold McMinn, all-state player at the Reform, Miss., high school.

## LUCKY SEVEN

Seven members of the Garlic family, distributed in five different branches of service, are contributing directly to the war effort just the way Cpl. Louis D. Garlic, of the 27th Battalion in the Fort Sill Replacement Center, is doing his share in Field Artillery.

Corporal Garlic, oldest of five boys in the New Orleans family, is on duty here and has applied for admission to Officer Candidate School. Sgt. Ory L. Garlic is overseas with the Marines, Cpl. Harold W. Garlic is with the Army Air Force in Utah and Burns F. Garlic has enlisted in the Navy as chief petty officer, first class. Cpl. Roland R. Garlic is in a Florida Infantry camp and a sister is a Navy Department stenographer.

## Veterans Meet by World War Tank

AFRTC, Ft. Knox, Ky.—A native Frenchman who served in the French Armored Force in 1926 and 1927, and an American who was one of the first "tankers" in our mechanized units in the first World War, met recently here.

The scene of their meeting was Center Headquarters, in front of which a World War Renault tank is placed, one of the older models. Both men had seen plenty of service in just such tanks, and it was "hands across the sea" when they began comparing notes.

In the first World War, it was Sgt. Maj. Arthur S. Boyd, of the 306th Brigade, and Sgt. Henri Alcide Lucien Oudet de Charmont, of the 508th French Regiment.

Now it's Private Boyd and Private Charmont, both of whom tried everything but homicide to get into our powerful Armored Force. Private Boyd, over 45 years old, has the distinction of being one of the few men in the Armored Force today who served in that capacity in the last War. He saw action at St. Mihiel and Argonne as a tank commander in the old Renaults.

Private Charmont served as a gunner and driver of a Renault light tank for over a year, and was cited by high-ranking French military leaders for excellence of performance. He has been in this country

11 years and is eligible for citizenship, something which he wants a great deal.

"I have a few scores I want to settle with the Germans," Charmont said, "and I'd like to get action as soon as possible."

He explained that early in the last War the Germans overran his

home, located in the Marne region, and mistreated his family greatly for two years. The French finally succeeded in recapturing the town and freed the Charmont family from their German captors.

Private Boyd saw service from August, 1918, to August, 1919, and received several citations and awards.

## Bliss Bits

FORT BLISS, Tex.—Pvt. James J. Kalchthaler didn't like his name because it was difficult to pronounce and remember, so he asked Judge Ballard Caldwell, 65th District Court, to change his name to James J. Beck.

Private Kalchthaler said that his father had been known by the name of Beck for many years.

The Judge tried to pronounce "Kalchthaler" and then immediately pronounced a decision that henceforth Private Kalchthaler would be known as Private Beck.

## NO CHANGE

Inspecting zippers was his job before he came into the Army, but now he's inspecting passes at one of the gates.

That was the transition from civilian to Army life for Pvt. Robert Burt, Corps of Military Police, 1852nd Service Unit.

Working in a New York factory in civilian life, Private Burt inspected from 500 to 800 zippers an hour. Now as an M.P., he inspects passes at the rate of 1500 an hour in the evening exodus from the post. On one check he passed three vehicles every two seconds for a period of 45 seconds. Private Burt hopes to be sent to the

Ordinance Officer Candidate School in the near future.

## GOLDEN GLOVES

An International Golden Gloves champion and a full-blooded Sioux Indian will probably be entrants in the Golden Gloves tournament, sponsored by the First Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Jan. 14, 15 and 16.

The Indian boxer is Pfc. Walter Tenfingers, stationed at the AAATC. Tenfingers is the middleweight champ of the Western Division in South Dakota.

The International Golden Gloves champion is Cpl. Willard "Jiggs" Driscoll, who won the title in 1938 by defeating Al Moto at Chicago. Driscoll's class is the flyweight, and weighing over 120 pounds at present, he is now trying hard to make the 112-pound flyweight weight limit.

## LOST DUMMY

A former ventriloquist, reporting here Dec. 30, had lost his dummy, "Hugo," in the Christmas mail rush.

The entertainer is Lt. Emmett Townsend, a graduate of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kans., who has been assigned to the Special Service Office of the First Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss.

Lieutenant Townsend has been a ventriloquist in New York State and Florida for five years. A native of Jamestown, N. Y., Lieutenant Townsend also presents a dog act with his chow, "Teddy."



## Operations on Move Possible in Invention

CAMP BOWIE, Tex.—Capt. Alfred R. Greenfield, Army surgeon with a tank destroyer unit at Camp Bowie, is a man just crammed with ideas. No sooner does the captain complete one invention when he turns up with another.

Captain Greenfield has designed and supervised the construction of a "rolling dispensary," which is equipped with two operating tables and a table for minor injuries.

### Can Operate on Move

The operating tables are made of litters set on steel racks which are braced and bolted to the floor of a two and one-half ton truck. The "dispensary" carries full equipment including a sterilizer and surgical equipment, and operations can be performed while the truck is rolling.

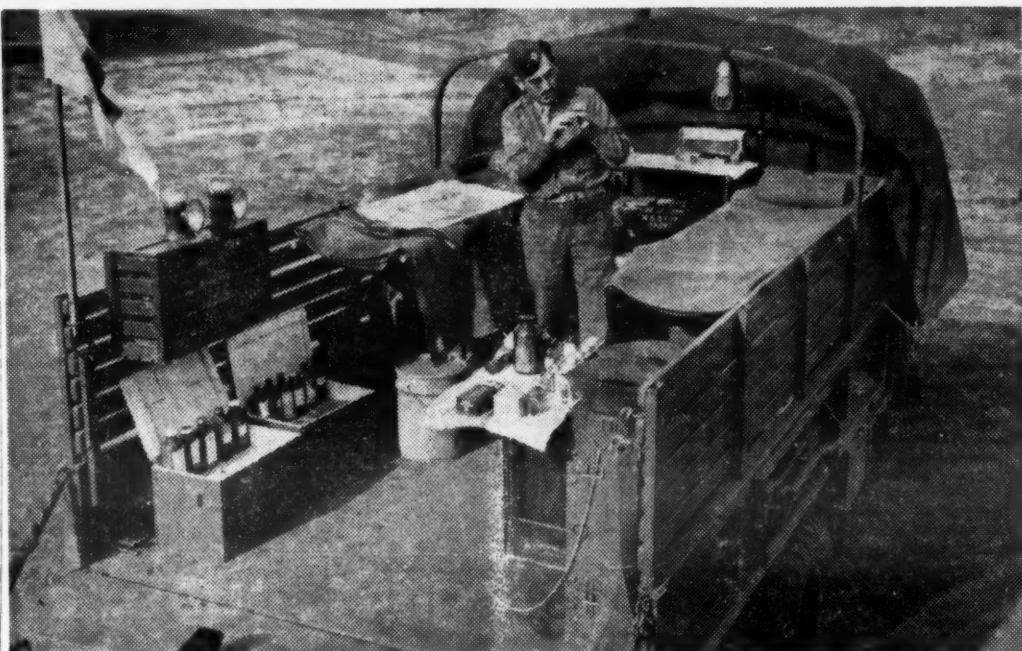
This dispensary carries a six months' supply of medicines and dressing and includes a separate prophylaxis section. Two surgeons and one technician are able to carry on work at the same time. The various bottles and boxes of medicines all fit into stationary compartments. The whole outfit can be loaded and ready to move in 15 minutes.

Captain Greenfield says field doctors generally set up tents for operations, but a tank destroyer outfit moves too fast and doesn't have the time. With the mobile dispensary, says Captain Greenfield, operations can be performed anywhere, at any time, under the most adverse conditions. The truck is fully equipped for work at night.

### Another Invention

But not satisfied, Captain Greenfield also converted a weapons carrier into an "evacuation truck."

Because his organization does not have litter bearers, Captain Greenfield has set up in the weapons carrier a triple-decker rack made of



HERE CAPT. ALFRED R. Greenfield, Army surgeon of a Tank Destroyer unit at Camp Bowie, Tex., prepares a "hypo" in his "rolling dispensary." Top up or down, it's a cozy, compact and complete little hospital unit. And it takes only 15 minutes to load and roll.

iron pipes able to support six litters. With the two benches normally at the sides, the truck is able to carry eight seriously wounded men to a first aid station. The average ambulance can carry only four men, said Captain Greenfield.

The triple-decker rack, made of iron pipes from the salvage scrap pile, is held fast to the truck with

chains, and the rack can be removed without any damage to the truck. Captain Greenfield said no holes were made in the truck, nor was there any modifications made to its interior design.

### Saves Lives

The truck can cut down the number of men needed to gather the wounded, and can perform with more

speed and efficiency, according to Captain Greenfield. "Speedy evacuation saves lives," he said.

Captain Greenfield was commissioned July 22, 1941. Prior to this time he received his B. S. from the University of Pittsburgh and studied medicine at the University of Berlin in Germany and the University of Berne in Switzerland.

## WAACs Arrive

Reach Fort Devens  
New Year's Eve After 62-Hour Ride

FORT DEVENS, Mass. — One hundred and fifty one nattily dressed, well equipped WAACs, first full company to be assigned to an eastern Army post, tumbled off a troop train at dusk New Year's Eve, formed in four platoons, and marched with soldierly dignity to the trucks which took them to their barracks.

They stood at attention as their tall, attractive commander, Capt. Elizabeth W. Stearns was greeted by Lt. Col. Wentworth Williams, assistant executive officer of the post; by Capt. Katherine Goodwin, head of the WAAC in the First Service Command; her assistant, Lt. Margaret Perry, and Lt. Frances W. House, supply officer of the company, who has been here for several weeks. Later in the evening the WAACs were greeted by Col. William A. Smith, post commandant.

### Eat First Chow

After a 62-hour pullman ride from their training center at Fort Des Moines, the 149 auxiliaries and two officers were eager and excited as they inspected the three new barracks, grinned happily at the day room and marched into the mess hall to eat their first chow in the Army.

Devens cooks and bakers had prepared a hot meal of baked ham, creamed potatoes and vegetables to which the girls did justice. They were confined to quarters the first night to prepare for the first day in the Army.

Routed out of their bunks before six o'clock, they stood reveille at 6:10 and a few minutes later six auxiliaries got their first real taste of the Army—K.P. One by one the cooks and bakers left and the WAACs took over the kitchen.

### Some Drew Details

Except for officers and a few auxiliaries in the headquarters platoon who drew details, most of the girls were free to look the post over.

After noon chow, the WAACs, led by the officers and several acting non-commissioned officers inspected the fort, marching in impressive formation which brought expressions of praise from enlisted men and officers who paused to watch them pass.

The company, known as the 34th WAAC Post Headquarters Company, consists of four platoons: headquarters, communications, service and clerical. After a few weeks of orientation, the WAACs, highly trained in specialist jobs, will begin to replace 1-A men for combat duty.

## 93rd Blue Helmet Has Big Audience

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.—Rated as one of the best Army camp newspapers being published today by newspapermen who know newspapers is the 93rd Blue Helmet, the first newspaper ever published for an All-Negro outfit, the 93rd Infantry Division.

The Blue Helmet came into being last Sept. 18, as an eight page, five-column, tabloid size newspaper. It is still that size, but many features and pictures have been added since the first issue rolled off the presses.

Financed without advertising, the Blue Helmet is supported solely by voluntary contributions of the soldiers in the 93d. It is published in the print shop of the Douglas Daily Dispatch, which is some 65 miles away and three times each week one of the staff members goes bouncing

over the highway in a jeep to deliver the copy for the coming edition.

### Comes Out Fridays

Each Friday morning the Blue Helmet brings a newspaper with pictures showing the 93d Infantry Division in action, a comic strip, several Army cartoons, complete coverage of sports on the post, and articles written about the various units in the division.

When the Blue Helmet started

publication there were just two regular staff members. Harold D. Steward, public relations officer, was the managing editor, and Pfc. Jack Palma, his assistant, was the news editor. Since then three new members have been added.

Robert Levin, newly appointed assistant public relations officer, is now the assistant managing editor. Pvt. George H. Fowler, is the new assistant news editor, and Pfc. Edwin Wilson, is the Blue Helmet photographer.

### Has Columnist

One of the outstanding contributors to the Blue Helmet is Lt. Michael H. F. Mahoney, who was a

newspaperman for 20 years before coming into the army. Today Lieutenant Mahoney writes a special sports column entitled "Those Were The Days," and many feature articles.

Circulation of the Blue Helmet is the largest in the state of Arizona for a weekly newspaper. It has the second largest circulation of any newspaper in the state including dailies.

Twenty thousand copies are distributed to soldiers in the division every Friday morning. Additional copies are mailed out on an exchange list to newspapers all over the United States.

## Battering Ram

By Cpl. Tech. Lester J. Galomb  
CAMP FUNSTON, Kans.—Sixteen Hundred Armoreders anxiously awaited the arrival of girls from the Manhattan Girls Service Organization on Christmas Day in order to have their party at the Service Club. Nine, counting three chaperones, showed up. Sixteen Hundred Armoreders were very unhappy.

Miss Thayer, director of the Service Club, had requisitioned one hundred girls so we investigated the shortage. The G.S.O. had been attending pre-Christmas military parties for seven consecutive nights and were physically exhausted. Many of the girls were ill and Christmas Day was one that a lot wanted to spend home.

However, the men were compensated by the swell buffet supper served by Miss Merle McNamar, the cafeteria hostess. Free, too. It was an elaborate spread and Miss Mac was afraid that it wouldn't feed everyone but somehow all managed to be served.

### VARIETY SHOW

Cpl. Tech. Julian Claman, the "boy-wonder" of the Special Service Section, is continually improving his weekly Tuesday Evening Variety Shows at the Service Club. As quickly as he discovers new talent within the division, he slides it into the show.

His latest discovery is Sgt. Morris Spector of the Medics who wowed the audience when he acted as master of ceremonies last week.

Claman is looking for an operatic baritone or the nearest he can get to one as well as actors with some legitimate experience to cast in skits.

## He's Rough and Tough

## MRTC Private Had Colorful Life

MRTC, CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—He is a private in the MRTC here. To look at him, you might imagine him to be an actor, for he has a bit of that Barrymore profile. The British accent would tip you off to his ancestry. He is now training in Co. B, 64th Medical Training Battalion, and even his fellow-trainees do not know the story of Pvt. Philip Arnold Palmer Bradfield, scholar, gold-miner, dock-hand, detective, adventurer, chiropractor!

They should have been tipped off by his appearance. Standing 5 feet, 10 1/4 inches, Bradfield, who was 36 Dec. 21, tips the beam at 225 and none of it is excess weight. He's as hard as rock and, although he smiles with the best of 'em, there is a certain stubbornness in the set of his jaw—a certain steely glint in his eyes.

### Shanghai Detective

Thirteen years ago, you could have seen this same figure moving stealthily along the streets of Shanghai, searching out out-throats. It was Detective Sergeant Bradfield, then, of the Shanghai International Police. A few months prior to that would have found Bradfield in the British Army Medical Corps. Then jump to 1930 and locate Bradfield in British Columbia, as a member of the Department of Investigation, Canadian Pacific Railroad. In '33, he was unloading fishing boats and working as a caulker, in British Columbia; later, in that year, he was a male nurse in the Hollywood sanitarium there, caring for drug addicts.

From '33 to '38, he was prospecting for gold in the Yukon; 1941 found the Englishman, a student at Nashville, Tenn., Drugless College, and from March, '41, to October of this year, when he was inducted, he was a licensed chiropractor and drug-

less physician in Nashville, with a lucrative practice.

That, in a nut-shell-and-a-half, is the adventure-packed first 35 years of Bradfield's unusual life.

### He's Toughest

He is probably the toughest man in camp. Blessed with a rugged

## Has Anyone Here Seen 'Gold Brick'?

CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—LOST: One "Gold Brick"—a tiny black-and-white bundle of furry affection, part bird dog and part shepherd—the pet of Co. D's machine gunners and of Sergeant Hugh D. Griffin in particular.

Gold Brick, whose intelligence belied her age of only three months (she had learned to retrieve pocketbooks, sticks, etc.), had begun to accompany the machine gunners on their hikes over the hills of Tennessee, and was last seen romping along with the company near the outskirts of Tullahoma, Tenn., about 11:00 a.m., Dec. 29th.

When Gold Brick was missed, scouts were sent out to find her, but reported back to the company minus the puppy.

It is thought that she may have "taken up" with some strange civilian, but the soldiers of Co. D want their dog back—and will welcome her with open arms.

Anyone knowing of Gold Brick's whereabouts is urged to communicate with Sgt. Hugh D. Griffin, Co. D, 319 Inf., APO No. 80, Camp Forrest, Tenn.

build, Bradfield learned much about rough and tumble fighting in Shanghai. While there, he attended Shanghai Police School and took lessons in ju-jitsu from Captain Fairbairn, internationally famous instructor and superintendent of the Shanghai police, who now is widely known for his teaching of Commando tactics. In five months as a member of the International police there, Bradfield had record of 500 arrests. He was one of Fairbairn's 15 men in the famous first vice squad in Shanghai.

When Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek visited there for a few weeks, Bradfield was selected as his personal bodyguard—a compliment to his prowess as a police officer.

Bradfield had many narrow escapes there and was once thought to be dead. "I came back to headquarters one day," Bradfield said, "and saw the flag at half mast. I inquired who had died and learned that I was supposed to have been killed. It turned out, fortunately for me, to have been a Russian by the same name."

### Set Record

While prospecting for gold in the Yukon, Bradfield claims, he was the first human being to fly into the Arctic from civilization in one day. "It happened in 1937," he declared. "I had breakfast in Edmonton, Alberta, and supper in Dawson City in the Yukon. I took three different planes in doing it."

Probably the nearest you could come to the original "Bulldog Drummond," Bradfield is now waiting to complete his citizenship papers. He has applied for Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School and also the Military Police Officer Candidate School.

## Croft Capers

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—THE FIFTH naturalization program for non-citizen troops of Camp Croft is set here, with 125 soldiers comprising the class. . . . MAJ. WILLIAM W. STEVENS, chemical warfare department officer here since the post was activated, was transferred to an infantry division at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was employed as a soil scientist by the federal soil conservation program in the South before going on active duty in the Army.

A REUNION of New Englanders in the Croft military personnel was held in the form of a Christmas party in nearby Spartanburg's main USO center. Featured speakers were Brig. Gen. Reginald W. Buzzell, assistant chief of the infantry center here, and Gov.-Elect Olin D. Johnson of South Carolina.

POPULARITY of Croft's main service club as a recreation center since its opening in 1941 is shown in a comparison of receipts for a corresponding month that year. The figure was doubled from \$8,000 . . . A NEW BIG NAME dance band musician here for his soldier initiation is Pvt. William C. Coburn, a former trombone player with Will Osborne and Charlie Spivak orchestras.

ARTHUR DRAPER, former New York Times reporter and manager of the Gore (N.Y.) Mountain Sid club news bureau, detained here as a volunteer officer candidate for the Army infantry "Fighting Mountaineers" . . . A CLASS in college algebra has been opened at nearby Converse college in interest of Crofters, with Dr. Janel H. Meade of the faculty as the instructor.

AVERAGE SOLDIER writes and receives three times as many letters as he did in civilian life.



## Pity the Poor Mess Sergeant or You Belly-Robber, You!

By Sgt. R. W. REID

The holiday season is tough on the mess sergeant, but he has his troubles at other times of the year, too.

Take the KP who mixes salt in the sugar, or the student cook who mistakes soap powder for corn starch. Take the cook who meant to put vinegar in the sliced onions, but actually poured in fly spray from a similar container.

### Slandered

Daily the mess sergeant strives to be ingenious in preparation of food for an Army that travels on its stomach. But often for his trouble he is called a "belly-robber" and his cooks are slandered as "alum-burners."

It is no wonder that the mess sergeant quite often stretches himself out at the end of the day—wary with his job. It is no wonder that he frequently complains that a mess sergeant never has a friend.

Every morning after drill he is besieged by requests for a cup of coffee. Non-coms want good meals at all hours. Soldiers are late for "early chow" and early for "late chow." And the mess sergeant has to fight with the first sergeant to be sure he's getting all he's entitled to in the way of rations and help.

### Egg-stra Work

One cook was told to drop a dozen eggs into an urn of coffee. Instead of putting them in the bag at the top of the coffee urn, the cook broke them into the coffee itself. In that particular case, the eggs gummy up the urn so badly that it was necessary for a plumber to put it back into operation.

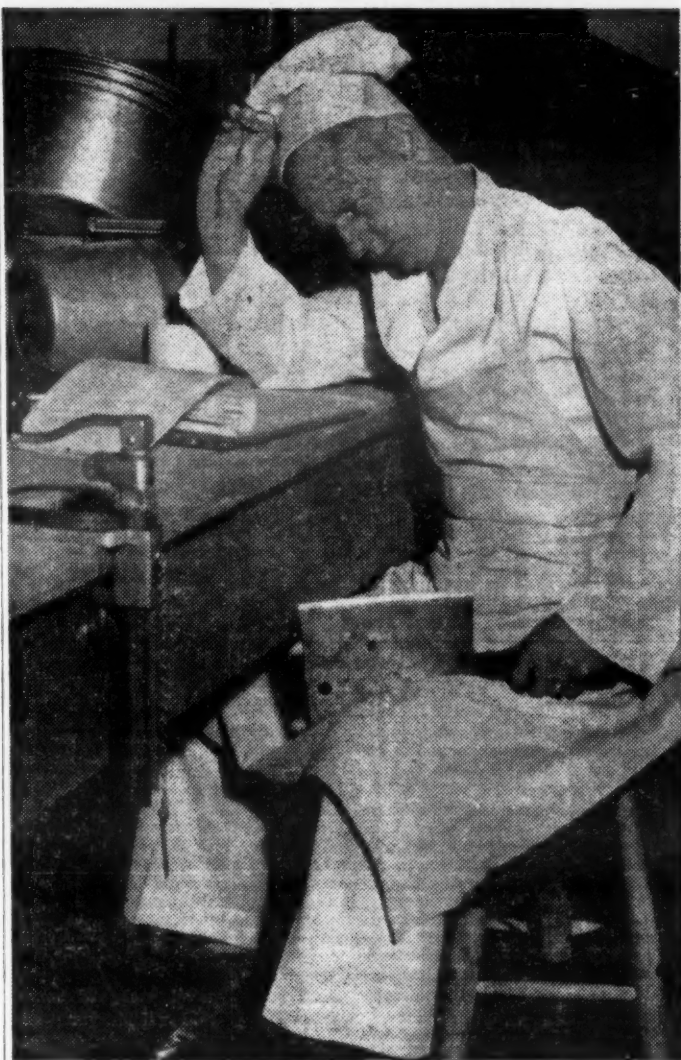
The mess sergeant must be an astute student of human nature. He must know when soldiers in his outfit flock to town, so he can prepare less food. He must know when they don't have money for town parties, so he will have enough food prepared for a long mess hall line.

The mess sergeant has an intimate knowledge of the company eight-ball. For example, one soldier recently came to the mess hall late for chow. He explained that he was new in the outfit, and that he had been in the company for two days without having been able to find the mess hall. The mess sergeant nonchalantly handed him a handful of beans, so he could drop them and find his way back.

The complaint by a KP that his hands are sore and can't be put in dish water is nothing new. Neither is the sore back complaint. There was one KP who marked a pot each time he washed it during one day's work. At the end of the day he had 22 marks on the pot.

### Even Dogs Snooty

Every mess sergeant practically runs a small zoo. A strange assortment of dogs and cats regularly report to the door of the mess hall.



**HOLIDAYS PRESENT** no special problems for the mess sergeant, who finds every day in the Army is a tough one. In return for his pains, however, the sergeant is often called a "belly-robber," and his cooks are slandered as "alum-burners." In the above picture Acting Mess Sergeant Hollis E. La Force, Troop B of the 252nd Quartermaster at Fort Bliss, Tex., finishes up a routine day a little wearily.

—Signal Corps Photo

One of the dogs in a Fort Bliss organization was named "Carole" after Carole Landis on her visit last August. The mess sergeant, who rations "Carole" swears that the dog won't eat anything now unless it's on a clean plate.

Wary as he is with his problems, the mess sergeant is always delighted at the thought of a white rat. The white rat, it seems, will zealously

protect any kitchen from other rodents. Furthermore, it makes no inroads on the mess sergeant's supplies—and confines itself to eating solely from dishes set out for it.

One mess sergeant at Fort Bliss estimates that he and his cooks walk an average of 15 miles a shift. He also claims that he wears a shoe a size and a half larger than he did when he first set foot in a mess hall.

## Sand Table Aids Map Students

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—Always on the lookout for new features to lend additional interest to every phase of training, the 78th "Lightning" Division encourages originality among the officers and men of every unit. One of these features, a sand table topographical map of realistic proportions, is to be found in the Headquarters Company area of the 1st Battalion, 310th Infantry Regiment.

The table, constructed by Pvt. Julius Sawicki, former commercial artist, measures 10 by 12 feet. Private Sawicki worked on the sand table every afternoon for three weeks, in addition to participating in regular infantry drill every morning. The sand-table map represents a portion of the terrain immediately outside of the Reservation limits of Fort Benning, near Columbus, Ga. This section of land is regarded as ideal for the training of officer candidates in field problems. For this

reason the sand table "countryside" was modeled after it for demonstration purposes in the map-reading classes.

Representing the rolling hills around Fort Benning, every item on the table is modeled to scale, one inch representing 25 feet. The same scale is used in regard to elevation of the ground, which, in reality, is 300 feet above sea level at its lowest point, a swamp, to the 500-foot crest of a hill. Grid lines are represented by lengths of cord drawn tautly across the table just over the sand itself, making 30 grid spaces in all. This facilitates comparison by maps.

Running through the center of the table is a tiny concrete highway, crisscrossing a railroad track of proportionate size. The pine trees of the "forests" were painstakingly made by mixing clay with cement, molded by hand and painted green. Blue paint was mixed with flour

paste and a bit of cement to represent rivers and creeks, and the pool of water in the swamp, in which native "vegetation" grows.

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

Promotion of 1st. Lt. George F. Burt Jr., of New York City to the rank of captain was announced at headquarters.

Captain Burt was graduated from Princeton in 1931. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and was in the ROTC at the university for four years. Captain Burt, who is serving in the statistical section at headquarters, was commissioned as a second lieutenant last April after being graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. He was promoted to first lieutenant last June.

First Lt. Stanislaus J. Codner of the Adjutant General's section at headquarters, has been promoted to captain.

Captain Codner, a native of Orlando, Fla., served in the Regular Army for 15 years prior to entering the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md., last March. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant last May 23.

The Army Emergency Relief fund benefited by receipts from the Army and Navy Cadet Midshipmen's Ball

## Guard Duty Easy In Custer Tower

### Aerial Post Relieves Many Soldier for Combat Training

**FORT CUSTER, Mich.**—Relieving approximately 15 soldiers for combat and training duty from guard duty in the Quartermaster area of the fort, a new watchtower has been completed on the ridge in the northern part of the camp.

The watchtower is 50 feet high with an enclosed sentry-box at the top. Its purpose is to relieve the guards who have been marching around the warehouses to detect intruders or fires. The man in the tower can cover the whole area faster than the guards could and can obtain fire or guard details much quicker.

Telephone connections with the tower give the guard instant communication with the fire stations, guard house, military police, or any other units required. The guard

reports to the Officer of the Day of the main guard frequently throughout the night.

A series of stairways lead to the sentry-box on the top of the tower. A stove has been installed so that the aerial post may be manned in comfort. No one is permitted to approach the tower without being halted and recognized by the guard.

Erection of the watchtower is another of the efforts instituted by the post commander to maintain the Service of Supply unit as efficiently as possible with the minimum number of troops, that the others may be released for combat duty. Nearly 1500 civilians are working on the poses in positions that might in peace-time be filled by Army personnel.

## Women's Groups Help Brighten Army Yule

**CAMP GRUBER, Okla.**—Over 5000 brightly-wrapped Christmas packages bespeaking the tremendous results of a state-wide drive to gladden hearts of soldiers whose Yule might otherwise be dreary were distributed at Camp Gruber on Christmas Eve.

Beneath the bright finish of the packages were gifts ranging in value from \$2.50 to \$20—each bearing the name of a Camp Gruber soldier, every one representing the outgrowth of an idea which started late last month.

It was then that Mrs. E. R. Cowles, wife of Lt. Col. E. R. Cowles of the 350th Infantry, overheard a Camp Gruber soldier remark that Christmas this year "would not be happy for him." Investigation proved the man's mother had died last Christmas, that he had been fatherless since childhood.

### How Many?

"I got to thinking about it," Mrs. Cowles explained, "and wondered how many men were like him—if something couldn't be done."

Contacting Mrs. Edna White Moreland of Tulsa, founder and national president of the Army Mothers of America, Mrs. Cowles met instantaneous and enthusiastic support.

"My organization will back you up," Mrs. Moreland promised.

The idea spread like wildfire, with various clubs, organizations, churches, fraternities and individuals in Muskogee, Tulsa and all of Oklahoma participating.

So instantaneous was the response that gifts started arriving at such a rate that Mrs. Cowles soon found her home in Muskogee crowded with 1400 packages while the home of Mrs. M. C. Spradling of Tulsa was jammed with 750.

### Two Vans Needed

Two huge Army vans were needed to move the Tulsa packages to the wrapping center at Muskogee, where "more than twice as many" already were on hand.

Some of the packages contained \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 checks.

For one entire week, a huge army of volunteers wrapped, sorted and

labelled the gifts, preparing them for distribution at the big encampment through regimental and company headquarters.

A surplus above and beyond the demands of soldiers without families was accumulated and distributed proportionately to men whose Christmas was marked with little mail and few presents from home.

Reluctant to claim any personal credit for the gigantic task involved, the drive leaders preferred to point out that "anything we might do will be inadequate compared to what they (the soldiers) will do."

### Seeks a Viewpoint

## Private Refuses Commission

**FORT SILL, Okla.**—If the Army is hunting for 1st Lt. Theodore Voth he's at the reception center here, happily contented as a private.

Private Voth, India-born and educated, applied for voluntary induction Dec. 7 despite his ministerial post, which made him exempt from military training.

On Dec. 8, the chief of chaplains commissioned him a first lieutenant with orders to report to Fort McClellan, Ala. Private Voth wired back he was sorry, but that he had enlisted.

Today the Army asked him if he desired to reconsider the commission. "No," replied Private Voth, "I'm anxious to get the enlisted man's viewpoint."

## Merger Creates New Supply Unit

Merging of the Resources Division with the Production Division to form the single Resources and Production Division of Services of Supply, under the Assistant Chief of Staff for Materiel, was announced by the War Department.

## Opera Star Gives Surprise Concert at Camp Kohler

**CAMP KOHLER, Calif.**—Rise Stevens, the Metropolitan Opera Company star, was a surprise guest performer at the regular Sunday afternoon entertainment for men and their guests at the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center here.

Miss Stevens, the wife of Pvt. Walter G. Szurovy, a trainee here

for his basic training, arrived Saturday afternoon to visit her husband. She was asked to sing Sunday by Lt. Raymond Raty, SCRTC Special Service Officer, and consented.

A hasty rehearsal with Pvt. James Fleetwood, a concert pianist in civilian life, and Miss Stevens, or Mrs. Szurovy, was ready.

tack. You're the best of our breed—and you are going to win.

"Is this standard too much to expect? It is not. And I expect it of you. It is possible for the attainment of every man of character—every soldier that another soldier likes to fight beside. It is the summary of attainments and of attitude, that reflects credit to the individual, honor to his unit, and glory to our country. Let no combat soldier expect less of himself than I do."

### THIRD ARMY

Maj. Samuel F. Woodfill, World War hero now serving with the School and Replacement Center, Army Ground Forces, in Birmingham, Ala., addressed officers of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Third Army Headquarters in San Antonio, Tex. last week. Major Woodfill is on temporary duty at Third Army Headquarters and will visit all of the divisions and special troops of the Third Army, addressing soldiers of World War II on his experience in the last World War.



## McClellan Sees Many Changes in Year

FORT McCLELLAN, Ala.—Famed today for its methods of training, bustling McClellan was just as busy a year ago. But it was a different kind of activity—trees were chopped down, roads built, tents erected and many other projects were being rushed in preparation for the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center which was activated last Jan. 15.

The nation still was talking about Pearl Harbor when the BIRTC was quickly filled with selectees and volunteers from all sections of the country. Seven training regiments were established, six white and one Negro.

Prior to activation of the BIRTC, the 27th Division spent a year here. What they left behind on December 22, 1941, was a tent city—with limited tent city facilities. Officers and men worked day and night to put the camp into suitable shape.

### First Officers Arrive

Brig. Gen. Otto F. Lange and the officers of his staff arrived with the first enlisted cademen on January 5, to activate the training center. In April Brig. Gen. Wallace C. Philoon succeeded General Lange as commanding general.

After a month of hard work everything was ready. The first white troops arrived on February 2, and immediately started on their way to become soldiers. A few Negro troops had arrived January 21, but troop movements into the post did not get into full swing until February.

Uncle Sam's efficiency and ingenuity were strained almost to the breaking point, but with 100 per cent cooperation of all officers and men, BIRTC was ready for the thousands of men who came here for basic

training.

Today's picture is more cheerful and one that would amaze an old 27th Division soldier. Fancy face lifting has turned the camp into one of the handsomest in the country. The 27th Division man would blink his eyes at seeing row after row of neat brown hutments dotting his sight, where once stood tired tents. He would smile as he looked back to the days when he dashed out in the middle of the night and of a down-pour to roll down flaps that Pvt. Stinky Smith knew so well.

And he'd probably marvel at the new amphitheater, streamlined theaters, library, new PX, swimming pool and day rooms that compare favorably with play rooms in swank country clubs.

Keeping pace with increased demand for officers to lead our expanding Army, Cane Creek College, the BIRTC officer candidate prep school, is credited with launching the finest officer material.

And in the words of Maj. Gen. H. R. Bull, commanding general, Replacement and School Command, Army Ground Forces:

"You have sought and earned no glory, but you have done well the task assigned to you—training the soldiers now assaulting the enemy on all fronts of the greatest war of all times."



PACK TRAIN sloughs through the mud of the Alcan highway beneath towering pines. This is how the road looked when it was under construction and is just one example of what Army Engineers conquered in building this vital link with Alaska. Today the steady stream of supplies being rushed north to meet the Japs on Kiska makes its way on a hard-packed surface, across sturdy bridges and deep cuts.

—U. S. Army Photo

## 'Bataan Range' Helps Battalion 'Surpass the Whole Division'

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—"Praise the Lord and Surpass the Whole Division," is the slogan of one of the most ambitious units in the 78th "Lightning" Division, the 2nd Battalion of the 311th Infantry Regiment. They feature as a training aid, "Bataan Range," which to all appearances, represents a glorified shooting gallery. But there's more to it than meets the eye.

Credit for the idea of a small bore range belongs to Maj. J. L. Grier, commander of the 2nd Battalion. Last August, when the 311th Regiment moved to its present area from its old location, Major Grier saw the possibilities of an excellent .22 calibre range in the back of the battalion quadrangle. He immediately assigned the task of starting construction to Capt. William C. Moore, then commander of Company "H," 311th Regiment.

Through the efforts of Major Grier, the use of a bulldozer was secured from one of the contractors engaged in the building of the camp. After necessary excavation, Captain Moore and his officers, Lts. George D. Sammons, James L. Pettit and Donald P. McNamara, and the enlisted cadre of the 311th Regiment, took off their coats, rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

A retaining wall and a metal roof

were included in the plans for safety precautions. The iron used in the back of the range, to deflect bullets into the sand, was donated by the Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Company, cutting Durham's donation to the scrap metal drive by several thousands of pounds, but increasing the potential number of sharpshooters to be sent against the Axis powers by hundreds.

This range is used to teach soldiers of the 311th Regiment fundamental facts of rifle marksmanship, giving them the opportunity not

only during duty hours, but on their own free time, to improve this important phase of their training. They fire not only at marksmanship targets, but at landscape targets as well, which picture the terrain of possible future battlefields.

The range is one of the very few that is under cover, and can be used in inclement weather. The attractive painting and decorating of this unique training aid, done by Sgt. John Celardo and Pvt. H. I. McLean, has made the 311th Infantry's "Bataan Range" interesting for visitors.

## Didn't Wake Him Rookie Finds Lost Unit; Wasn't Lost After All

FORT SILL, Okla.—Lost 21 days on Fort Sill, Pvt. Kenneth Stanley has located his unit—at Fort Sill.

En route from the Reception Center at Fort Hayes, O., to an unannounced destination, Private Stanley was sleeping peacefully in a Pullman berth when his troubles began. The

acting corporal in charge of the party of brand-new rookies forgot to awaken him when the group changed trains about 5 a.m.

Private Stanley awakened about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, alone in the Pullman which had been set out at Springfield, Mo. He had neither railroad ticket nor knowledge of where he was going.

Railroad officials at Springfield guessed that he was going to Fort Sill and gave him a ticket. Arriving here as a casual, he was attached to DEML until his unit could be located.

Correspondence brought the news that Private Stanley was a member of a heavy maintenance unit.

A telephone call from the casual office to the unit's commanding officer brought news that Private Stanley's papers were at that minute being examined and he was within a few minutes of being listed as a deserter.

Private Stanley is still a little bit confused as to what went on.

What he doesn't realize is that the past 21 days, with no KP, guard duty, basic training or other duties, were just about the easiest three weeks he will ever spend in the Army.

MORE THAN 420,000 pounds of nickel has been saved by changing exhaust systems of Flying Fortresses to stainless steel.

## Hostesses and Librarians Don Regulation Uniforms

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—Pine Camp hostesses and the librarian on duty at the post Service Club have donned regulation uniforms authorized by the Service of Supply, which supervises the Army hostess and librarian service.

The uniform, which is of light blue material and has a distinctive insignia on the left coat sleeve, has caused a great deal of favorable comment from soldiers and civilians alike, according to Mrs. E. K. Wilson, directress of the Service Club.

"Many people think we are Air Corps officers and they're especially curious about the insignia," she remarked.

The insignia is fan shaped and composed of nine colors—maroon, orange, red, green, white, dark blue, yellow, buff and crimson—radiating from an open center. Each color

represents a different branch of the Army and, massed in the insignia, signifies that the hostesses and librarians work for all branches.

The uniform consists of a coat suit, with gored skirt, slightly fitted jacket, and a long overcoat made from fleece faced overcoating. Accessories include a cap modeled on the overseas design, white broadcloth blouses, neutral colored hose and dark blue or black shoes.

Miss Gertrude Schumacker, cafeteria hostess, Miss Beryl Green, librarian and Mrs. Wilson will wear the uniforms at all times when on duty and when out of the house or quarters.

THERE are 315,000 separate and distinct parts in a B-24, four-engined bomber.

## Private Commended for Aid at Crash

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Camp Butner's fighting men may go on furlough occasionally, but even then they are on the alert to do their bit for Uncle Sam. For such an act Pvt. James V. Brown of the 126th Ordnance Regiment recently received a special commendation for cool-headed action in an emergency.

Private Brown while in Crenshaw, Miss., on furlough saw two planes collide close by his home. He im-

mediately went to the scene of the crash to set up a guard around the planes to keep away onlookers, and help remove the body of one of the pilots before the fire which had broken out destroyed it.

Capt. Fred E. Jacob, the investigating officer, stated that it was his desire and that of Lt. Col. Paul T. Preuss, director of training of the advanced flying school of Blytheville, Ark., that Private Brown be pub-

licly commended, upon his return from furlough.

"Private Brown was very definitely on the job," said Captain Jacob, "when I as investigating officer, arrived about an hour after the crash. His assistance in keeping smokers back doubtlessly prevented gasoline from being ignited and destroying the valuable evidence which we obtained."

## Auto Insurance Trade Adjusts Self to War

BY LEO GOODWIN

Executive Vice President of the Government Employees Insurance Co.

Events have made the year 1942 one that will be long remembered by men close to the automobile insurance business.

The freezing of new-car sales had a great effect. It meant that those automobile insurance companies writing only the collision and fire and theft coverages for thousands of banks, finance and credit companies throughout the country would have to look elsewhere for premium income.

When you stop to realize the tremendous amount of automobile collision and fire and theft premiums which have been written each year in connection with financing the purchase of new and used cars you can appreciate what faced these companies writing only this type of automobile insurance.

There was only one answer; such companies must either begin writing other lines of automobile insurance or else purchase controlling interest of other companies already established in this field. This is what the majority of such companies have done.

One of the most interesting changes that has taken place was the abandonment of set rules, statistics and formulas used by the "rate makers" in the promulgation of automobile insurance rates. The increase in the automobile liability rates in January and the increase in the automobile collision, fire and theft rates in May was the result of unfavorable loss experience incurred during the past several years.

Consequently, when the accident frequency showed a downward trend as the result of gasoline rationing, tire conservation and the new speed limit of 35 miles per hour, it was apparent that such loss experience of previous years would have to be thrown out the door and in its place common sense substituted.

During the coming year these adjustments will mean a reduced premium income of anywhere from 20 to 50 percent to automobile insurance companies. Most companies, agents and brokers are looking to other insurance lines as an additional source of premium income.

## Knox Christmas Mail Was 115% Over 1941

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Free mail for men in the Armed Forces, more people working in war production, and increased soldier pay were the main factors which upped incoming Christmas mail to Fort Knox approximately 115 per cent over that of last year, according to records compiled by Capt. C. M. Christie, the Fort Knox postal officer.

It took 50 per cent more personnel and 40 per cent more vehicles to handle the additional number of parcels and letters of all classes.

## Barkeley Blasts

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Celebration of the arrival of 40 WAACs in this WAAC-less camp was nipped in the bud the other day by S/Sgt. Howard O. Gafford, supply sergeant in Co. A, 54th Medical Training Battalion. MRTC. Officials have announced that no WAACs will be stationed here. So the 40 insignias which Gafford discovered had been delivered to his supply room "for distribution to WAACs" were returned to the quartermaster. It seems a goodly number of WAAC insignias got mixed with some "U.S." insignias in packing at the factory, and 40 of them landed unexpectedly in A-54 supply room. They are being mailed to the WAAC organization.

### LITTERS

Members of Co. C, 59th Medical Training Battalion, MRTC, don't know whether to thank Santa Claus for the unexpected gifts, but they do say a record was set for early Christmas delivery. While trainees were gnashing teeth over the possibility of late gifts from home, two members of the company delivered on time. They were two canines, "Blackie" and "Eleanor," company mascots.

On Dec. 22 night, Eleanor came through with a delivery of five supplies. Not to be outdone, and to prove that she was in there pitching too, Blackie delivered a litter of seven on the morning of Dec. 24! This was too much to handle, according to 1st Sgt. Ben Council. "We included Eleanor and her litter in the morning report," said he, "and she has been attached for rations and quarters. Blackie and her pups are over in Co. D—but only for rations."

### COULDN'T BUY

When a war bond sales officer is caught short for an answer to the trainee's explanation of why he can't buy a bond, it's almost miraculous. Lt. Norman Forsberg, Co. D, 55th Medical Training Battalion, MRTC, bond salesman, is no exception. So it was practically a miracle this week when Pvt. Robert E. Harkrider, trainee, failed to buy war bonds. He couldn't buy. He explained to Lieutenant Forsberg that he purchased \$5,000 worth of bonds for 1941, \$5,000 worth for 1942, and had signed papers for another \$5,000 worth in 1943. And that's all the government allows anyone to buy of Series E war bonds!

### NO POLITICIAN

Lawrence Bastiani, 28, student in Officer Candidate school, isn't a politician—but definitely. He wrote a friend to that effect the other day. "Why do they call you a candidate?" asked the friend in a letter to Bastiani. "What office are you running for?"



# Germany Won't Collapse, Warns Ex-Member of Hitler's Army

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Pvt. Herbert H. Tyson, attached to the 61st Quartermaster Battalion, is one soldier who is really qualified to speak with authority about the modern German army, because five years ago he was a member of Hitler's Second Reserve.

A native of Liepzig, he came to this country in 1937 and worked as a shoe fitter and foreman in a laundry. He was inducted into the United States Army in August of this year at Fort MacArthur, Calif., and previously was a corporal in the State Guard Infantry in California.

## Take Our All

Private Tyson said that "Nothing less than a complete, all-out effort is required if the United Nations are to win this war," and he is keenly aware of the deepest significance of his words.

Here is his story:

"On April 17, 1937, in the light of a beautiful sunrise, I first saw the Statue of Liberty. Behind me was a stormy night and a dreadful Germany.

"I was there when the match was thrown into the powder keg of Europe, as a member of the Second Reserve, subject to military duty in Germany. We often wonder how it all came about. It started in 1933 when Hitler rose to power with his ideology of the Third Reich.

## Youth Regimented

"A vast re-arming program was the theme song of 'Mein Kampf.' By means of regimentation of German youth and a colorful display of uniforms, Hitler was able to accomplish this very easily. He proclaimed conscription, and every male citizen upon becoming 20 years of age had to present himself to his local draft board to be classified for one year of active duty on Reserve I or II.

"Actual military training begins at the age of 6 upon entrance to school. Then comes participation in so-called physical training program which is actually a course in close order drill. Military courtesy is learned by giving and taking commands.

"With such a military background

Germany was able to strike decisively against the Low Countries."

## Internal Rumblings

Hitler's philosophy of blind obedience was injected by means of the Gestapo, but organized Christianity and the Junkers, a clique within the high army command, are preparing a moral base for an Allied invasion of the continent.

The German soldier does not offer any advice on the conduct of the war. He respects the American soldier and remembers only too well that it was the U. S. A. which decided the outcome of the last war.

The Nazi propaganda machine has capitalized on the American propensity for accepting unfavorable reports about the enemy; and Goebbels has planted numerous stories in the newspapers of neutral countries predicting an imminent German crackup from within. He wants us to believe that we can win the war without any effort. Such is not the case. The German soldier has been toughened by extensive training in the arts of war, he says.

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MISS CRYSTAL CROCKETT  
The Army and "Dolls" Go Together

## 'Army Daughter', Now Model, Collects Dolls

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Crystal Crockett is a Powers model, and Powers models somehow are expected to be "tall and willowy." Sure enough, that description fits Miss Crockett very well.

But that is not the only reason why "Oh, You Beautiful Doll!" might be regarded as her theme song. Another reason might be her collection of dolls, undoubtedly one of the finest in the country.

Miss Crockett is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. James C. Crockett. Colonel Crockett is the G-2 officer of the Armored Force, Fort Knox. Crystal has been an "Army daughter" all her life and has lived in several foreign lands where her father has been stationed.

"And just being in the Army is enough reason to begin collecting dolls," she started to explain.

An Army photographer, listening intently, almost dropped his Speed Graphic at this point, and his eyes looked worried.

Miss Crockett laughed, and told him that perhaps he hadn't been in the Army quite long enough.

When Colonel Crockett was America's military attache in Germany from 1933 to 1937, Crystal attended school first in the Reich and later in Switzerland, and, of course, had the opportunity to add many dolls to her collection.

Gen. Philip R. Faymonville, then U. S. military attache in Russia, brought her several beautiful Russian dolls.

At least one other general, Gen. Preston Brown, now retired, contributed to Miss Crockett's collection. He presented her with a doll from Guatemala.

Miss Crockett is a member of the Red Cross Motor Corps (she was in the first class to be graduated at Fort Knox), she likes tennis, swimming, riding, skiing and skating, and she has been active—with other Powers models—in war bond sales in New York and Atlantic City.

## Clinic Solves Insurance Problems at Crowder

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—An Insurance Clinic, believed to be one of the strangest of its type in the Army, has been opened by the Seventh Signal Training Regiment at Camp Crowder to help the men to better understand the advantages of National Service Life Insurance.

The clinic was planned by Col. Charles T. O'Neill, regimental commander, so soldiers will not leave the regiment without having an opportunity to discuss every phase of the government's liberal insurance plan.

"I saw men die in the last war and they wished at the end that they had made the proper provisions for insurance," said Colonel O'Neill. "We are striving to eliminate any calamity like this among our men and have found that 90 per cent of those without insurance had not made purchases because they did not understand its advantages. We are stressing the fact that no operating expenses are charged to this insur-

ance and that it is offered to the men of the armed forces as a service of the government."

The first insurance clinic in the Seventh was attended by more than 100 soldiers who had no insurance whatsoever. Every eligible man purchased a policy for an average of almost \$8000 and total of a half million dollars. The only ones not buying were those who had no relatives who came under the provisions of the insurance.

Each soldier received a careful explanation of his cost and the amount his heir would receive. The conversion feature was explained. Clinics will be held at least twice weekly in the evenings without interfering with the training plans.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS each eat an average of 253 pounds of potatoes a year.



# Blond Corporal Fights Way To Texas Welter weight Title

FORT BLISS, Tex.—A Fort Bliss soldier, Cpl. Ernie Derho, has fought his way to the welter-weight championships of the Border and the State of Texas.

The blond, rugged Belgian became the champ after defeating Midget Mexico, experienced Border professional, by a decision in a ten-round title bout.

Just before the fight Derho said, "The Texas State title is just going to be the stepping stone for me on my way to the world's crown." Then the soldier went ahead to take the title by a decision.

## Biggest State

"And just think," exclaimed Derho, "Texas is the biggest state in the U. S. A!"

The clean-cut soldier-fighter, who doesn't look like a pug and who acts like a gentleman, comes from the tough remount organization, the 252nd Quartermaster, in the First Cavalry Division.

In one of his preliminary fights before working up to the title bout, Derho was kicked in the right arm by a mule the day of a six-round fight. Unable to raise his arm above his shoulder, Derho, nevertheless, went into the ring to pound out his usual decision.

## Quite A Feat

Beating Mexico for the title was considered quite an accomplishment in Border fight circles. Mexico has only lost two fights by narrow margins in his last 16 starts. Two soldier fighters before Derho went down in defeat. Mexico himself has fought three world's champions in Madison Square Garden.

Corporal Derho was commended after the fight by Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift, commanding general of the First Cavalry Division, who praised the soldier as "the man who made his dream come true!"

Derho's home is in South Bend, Ind., where he fought as an amateur and professional before entering the Army a year ago. At the peak of his amateur career Derho went to the national finals at Boston in 1940, where he lost a decision with the points being listed by the judges, 60 to 59, against him.

## Beat State Champs

In 1941 the blonde Belgian handed Phil Jones, Kentucky welterweight champ, a licking at Louisville, Ky. But, unfortunately, Derho hadn't lived in Kentucky the required amount of time to be eligible for the

title. At a later date he beat both the Minnesota State welterweight and lightweight champions.

Derho's plans at present are uncertain. He has not yet been booked

for his next fight, although there is a demand for a rematch with Mexico. Mexico asserts that he did not take Derho too seriously and could defeat him in a return engagement.



CPL. ERNIE DERHO, fighting blond Belgian from the 252nd Quartermaster at Fort Bliss, won the Texas and Border welter-weight championships by defeating Midget Mexico by a decision in a 10-round bout.

—Signal Corps Photo

# '42 Gave Army Team Spirit

By M/Sgt. Frank Hartley

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Dozens of changes in the Army and Army life have been recorded during 1942, but it remained the task of the sports world to make one noticeable alteration unheard of in World War I days.

With athletics playing a more important role daily in a soldier's life, it was only natural that Army rank should become secondary to winning combinations. That's exactly what happened during the past year.

## Side By Side

For the first time, officers and enlisted men played side by side on the gridiron, on the baseball diamond and on the basketball court, with orders being given freely by either group so long as it was for the benefit of team play. And in only a very few instances was there any friction noticed.

Joe Bach, former member of the famous Notre Dame "Seven Mules" and more recently civilian gridiron coach for the Armorer team here, stated at the close of the football season that he had received perfect cooperation from both officers and enlisted men. He praised the spirit of the players and pointed out that there had been no squawks from officers at a private or corporal calling signals or perhaps missing a pass.

During 1942, when an officer's bars were left in the locker room, he was just one of the boys. Footballers, both officers and enlisted men, ate and slept in the same mess halls and barracks throughout the nation. They talked football and lived football. There were absolutely no barriers raised so long as the subject was athletics and the place was the proper one.

## On Drill Field

When the soldier-athletes stepped on the drill field, however, the story was entirely different. Then an officer's rank counted just as much as it always does. A star halfback who was an enlisted man, was perfectly willing to take orders from a third stringer if the third stringer was an officer. Bach also stated there never was any friction among the Fort Knox players during those sessions.

There's nothing in the rule books which states that officers must place themselves on an equal basis with enlisted men when competing in athletics. An officer without bars

and in a football or basketball uniform is just as much an officer as he is when wearing regulation O. D.'s. Sports, however, have eliminated that difference.

# Selman Field Schedules Giant Sport Tourney

SELMAN FIELD, La.—If anyone on Selman Field wants to box, he now has the chance. Furthermore, if not knowing how to box is holding

him back, he can learn.

Cpl. Melvin L. Altis, of the 922nd Guard Squadron, has set up a boxing ring in the Interior Guard Building and has been given the OK of the Physical Training Department to act as post boxing instructor.

# Risko Warns Schmeling

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—A fast obsession that was never realized by the erstwhile Cleveland Rubber Man, Johnny Risko, has now become a military byword with this veteran of approximately 350 bouts covering a 16-year span.

Only once did this durable heavy-weight suffer the ignominy of a knockout—a technical knockout—at the hands of Max Schmeling in 1929. Risko vainly sought a return engagement with Germany's representative, but the wary Max would have no part of this ever dangerous slugger. And so Risko retired in 1937 to dream of what might have been.

Today the Rubber Man has emerged from retirement, and at the Camp Davis antiaircraft center, where Risko is learning the rudiments of gunnery, he chortles with anticipatory pleasure. "This time no boxing commission will help that bum. He dodged me for eight years and I never could get him back in the ring with me. Pretty soon I expect to be in Berlin gunning for him. If he's still around, no referee will be needed to give me instructions.

The corporal is only a little fellow, weighing about 146 pounds, but don't be afraid of hurting him. He is a former Southern lightweight champion, and has to his credit 56 knockouts in 128 professional fights, and a large number of kayos on the winning side of his record in 73 amateur fights. The statistics of his amateur ring activities have been lost, however.

As explained by 2nd Lt. Fred Heinlen, director of intra-mural athletics, an inter-organization boxing tournament will begin on the post about the end of this month. Only enlisted men will take part. Contestants will be divided into eight divisions. Each squadron and detachment will be invited to send as many representatives as it wishes into the tournament. Any organization which is represented in six of the eight divisions will receive a 50-point credit in the all around intra-mural championship. This championship includes volleyball, softball, basketball and other sports, as well as boxing.

The eight divisions, and their top weight limits, are: bantamweight, 120 lbs.; featherweight, 127 lbs.; lightweight, 135 lbs.; welterweight, 145 lbs.; senior welterweight, 155 lbs.; middle weight, 165 lbs.; light heavyweight, 175 lbs.; and unlimited, over 175 lbs.

# PURELY PERSONAL

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any attachment or garnishment of property, money, or debts in the hands of another, or stay foreclosure of any storage lien.

78. Sureties, guarantors, accommodation makers, etc.—Sureties, guarantors, accommodation makers, or indorsers on contracts of persons in military service, shall not be liable for the debts or obligations of such persons.

79. Insurance.—For protecting the payment of premiums on commercial life insurance, under Article IV of this act, see paragraph 62.

80. Eviction for nonpayment of rent.—Dependents of persons in military service whose rental payments do not exceed \$30 per month may claim the protection of this act for a period not exceeding three months, provided the ability to pay is materially affected by reason of such military service.

81. Contract obligations secured by mortgage and leases.—Contracts entered into prior to the period of military service of the individual or by the individual or his dependents come under the protection of the act and where nonpayment results because of military service, the proper court may provide for deferment in payments or for such other relief as the facts warrant.

Where a proceeding to foreclose a mortgage upon or to resume possession of personal property, or to rescind or terminate a contract for the purchase thereof, has been stayed, the court may, unless in its opinion an undue hardship would result to the dependents of the person in military service, appoint three disinterested parties to appraise the property and order such sum if any, as may be just, paid to the person in military service or his dependents, as a condition of foreclosing the mortgage, resuming possession of the property, or rescinding or terminating the contract. Leases covering the premises occupied for dwelling, business, agriculture, or similar purposes, executed by or on the behalf of a person who subsequently enters the military service, is subject to termination through notice in writing given to the lessor or his agent by such person at any time following the beginning of the period of his military service, but the action may be reviewed by an appropriate court.

82. Taxes.—Taxes on personal and real property owned and occupied for dwelling, agricultural, or business purposes by a person in military service or his dependents may be deferred during the period of military service. For deferment on payment of income taxes, see section XVIII.

For the purposes of taxation, any person in military service shall not be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile solely by reason of being absent therefrom in compliance with military or naval orders or to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other state by reason of being absent. Compensation for military service shall not be deemed income for the purposes of income taxation by any state or other governmental subdivision of which such person is not a resident or in which he is domiciled.

Note.—Information available as interpreted, October 12, 1942.

## SECTION XVII Automobile

83. Title.—The ownership of an automobile is determined not by possession but by the certificate of title, usually on file with the State bureau of motor vehicles. Where the title of an automobile is in the name of a husband only, in the event of his death the wife cannot keep the car without court order, and it becomes a part of the husband's estate, subject to sale, if such is necessary, to carry out the orders of the probate court. It is important, therefore, that title be held in the name of the husband and wife "jointly with right of survivorship." In the event of death under such circumstances, the car automatically becomes the property of the survivor.

84. Change of title.—Where an automobile is now held in individual ownership, this can be changed by forwarding a signed request to the State bureau of motor vehicles wherein the car is registered, asking that the title be placed in the name of the husband and wife "jointly with right of survivorship." Upon the death of either party, notice of this fact should be given to the bureau and the title will be then vested in the survivor. If the car is sold while title is held jointly, both husband and wife must sign the bill of sale to change the title to the purchaser.

85. Insurance.—Whether or not automobile is owned jointly, the policy of insurance should cover the husband and/or the wife and in addition any other member of the family who drives the car. Fire, theft, public liability and property damage, and collision are the usual policies carried.

Note.—Information available, as interpreted, September 9, 1942.

## SECTION XVIII Federal Income Tax Returns and Payments

86. Protective provisions.—A. Statutory.—The Act of Congress approved March 7, 1942, provides that when an individual in the military service (a) a prisoner of war or otherwise detained by any foreign government with which the United States is at war, or (b) on duty outside the continental limits of the United States when a Federal income tax return would otherwise become due or Federal income tax become payable, then such return or payment shall not become due until one of the following dates whichever is the earliest:

(1) The fifteenth day of the third month following the month in which the individual ceases to be a prisoner of war, or to be detained by any foreign government with which the United States is at war, or to be a member of the military service on duty outside the continental United States.

(2) The fifteenth day of the third month following the month in which the present war is terminated, as proclaimed by the President.

(3) The fifteenth day of the third month following the month in which an executor, administrator, or conservator of the estate of the taxpayer is appointed.

b. Personal.—Make available for your dependent a copy of the Federal income tax return filed.

Note.—Information available, as interpreted, September 9, 1942.

## SECTION XIX Medical Attendance and Hospital Facilities for Dependents of Army Personnel

87. Limitations.—During the present emergency it is necessary to limit medical attendance and hospitalization of dependents of military personnel since there is neither space in hospitals nor medical personnel available to provide all the services that may be requested. As the Army increases in size the availability of medical personnel and beds in hospitals for the treatment of dependents will decrease. It is therefore probable that in the near future the Army will be unable to furnish any medical care or hospitalization to the dependents of military personnel except in occasional places where facilities may be available.

88. Who may be eligible.—Medical attendance will be provided only whenever practicable to the wife, dependent children, and servants of officers, warrant officers, cadets, enlisted men, and contract surgeons (full time) of the Army of the United States, and also to other dependent members of the family when residing with such persons, provided they are not legally dependent upon an individual not in the military service.

89. Hospitalization.—a. Admission to Army hospitals.—No facilities will be provided for the care of dependents in cantonment hospitals. Dependents of military personnel, however, may be admitted to Army hospitals provided the beds are not required for military personnel and that the dependent seeking admission is suffering from a disease or injury actually emergency in character.

b. Applications.—Applications for admission to an Army hospital in each case will be made to the commanding officer of the hospital concerned with evidence showing the relationship, the dependency, the place of residence, and also the nature of the illness and the need for hospital treatment. Dependents of military personnel should not undertake travel to a military hospital without first ascertaining whether and when accommodations will be available.

90. Dental treatment.—Dental treatment will be given only where facilities are available, and only to those requiring emergency dental treatment.

Note.—Information contained in section XIX was received from the Surgeon General June 16, 1942. Verified correct as of September 9, 1942.

(To be concluded next week)



SPORTS  
CHAT

**CAMP DAVIS, N. C.**—A former track star at Georgia Tech, Lt. Charles Belcher of the AA OCS, holds the distinction of never having been defeated while competing in military sports. Belcher set a conference record of 46.7 seconds for the 100-yard dash. The world's record is 45.4. At the end of his sophomore year, he was being hailed as a track star by his coach and that summer competed on a European tour under the auspices of the AAU. He was defeated once on the tour. Lieutenant Belcher defeated Jimmy Herbert, former star at New York University, in a special 600-yard race at Madison Square Garden in his junior year. He captained his team in his senior year.

**Napier Field, Ala.**—The post basketball team at the Advanced Flying School here is building up an enviable record. The "Flyers" have won seven of nine games, defeated Marianna Air Base, Moody Field, the American Cadets and Camp Buckner, among others. Pvt. Dick Buckholz is star of the team, which is coached by Sgt. Raymond Swanson, former Kansas University basketball star.

**FORT EUSTIS, Va.**—Sgt. Louis Hah has won 30 athletic medals during his Army career. He joined the Army in 1938 and has since distinguished himself in swimming, track and marksmanship. The 30 medals are the results of his prowess in swimming and track alone. Swimming at Waikiki in Hawaii, Sergeant Hah held the island record for 100 meters free style. He also swam the mile and on the relay team. In track he competed in the high hurdles, javelin, discus and shot put.

**FORT HANCOCK, N. J.**—With Tami Maurielle, heavyweight championship contender, as spectator and guest referee, the Fort Hancock boxing team slammed out a victory over the Hunter Point Athletic Club, 5-2, with one match resulting in a draw. Two of Hancock's victories were technical knockouts and one was a first round knockout.

**CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.**—Tony Shucco of Boston, holder of multiple boxing titles, who contends he is still the New England heavyweight titleholder, has been appointed boxing coach and instructor for Camp Edwards. Shucco ranks as New England light heavyweight champion and claims the heavier title as well.

**KEESLER FIELD, Miss.**—Sgt. Theodore Weinstein, star fullback for the great Pittsburgh Panthers of 1933, '34 and '35, created quite a sensation in the 1935 Rose Bowl game against Southern California, when his pants split and he was forced to change them before the crowd. This was his sophomore year; he went on to win All-American recognition.

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.**—After winning four consecutive soccer matches, the Camp Roberts team finally went down to defeat. The victor was the University of California team, 4-0. Earlier Roberts had defeated the Californians, 1-0. However, the second encounter was played on wet, slippery grass; the Californians had cleats; Roberts had none.

**SCOTT FIELD, Ill.**—Pvt. Sy Pizutelli is truly a versatile athlete. Before entering the Air Force, he teamed with his brother as a daredevil trick motorcycle combination. Crashing into a wall of fire or smashing through a fence were just ordinary stunts. In addition, Pizutelli won several cycling championships. He was a member of the Gallatin club soccer team, playing right fullback when the team won the national open title in 1941. He was a first string fullback on Washington and Jefferson's football team; he was light heavyweight boxing champion of central Pennsylvania and was catcher for a hometown semi-pro baseball team. In addition he recently won the South quadrangle horseshoe tournament, averaging 18 ringers in 21 tries.



**CPL. BILLY CONN**, who staggered the sports world when he nearly took the heavyweight crown from Sgt. Joe Louis, has arrived at Camp Lee and is surrounded by admiring and interested fans. Billy's first donning of the gloves found him measured off with Pvt. Paul "Mouse" Garner, erstwhile member of Ted Healy's original "Three Stooges."

—Signal Corps Photo

## He Knows the Answers

## Army Has Pin Expert

By PVT. JAMES BRUGGER

**CAMP GRANT, Ill.**—Baseball has its Judge Landis, pro football has its Elmer Layden, social usage has its Emily Post, and bowling has its Albert Matzelle.

The Army has him now. Private Matzelle, a brand new recruit just through the Camp Grant Reception Center, would probably be uncomfortable hearing himself compared to baseball's white judge, or even to Emily Post, but until his recent change of life, he held a position in bowling somewhat akin to that of the Solomons who decide moot questions in other walks of life.

## Pin Problems

As a member of the staff of the American Bowling Congress, official governing body of the kegling sport, Matzelle had the job of handing down decisions in all sorts of pin problems that were referred to the ABC by bowlers throughout the country. He was a subordinate in the office of A. H. Johnson, assistant secretary of the ABC, and between the two they handled most of the puzzlers which arose in leagues sanctioned by the Congress.

People who think bowling a simple sport untroubled by complexities of the kind that make baseball a favorite debate topic around the hot stove should get a look at the ABC's mail. During the heavy season, which now runs from Labor Day until about Easter, an average of 12 to 15 requests for decisions or interpretations is received every day.

They run all the way from questions of eligibility to disputes over the status of a leaning pin. Matzelle never failed, he said, to receive at least 30 letters a year asking for a decision on the latter point. And the answer is, of course, that a pin which is not all the way down is just as good as up.

## Learned Rules Book

Matzelle's unflinching guide in settling cases which came before his tribunal, located in the ABC's offices in Milwaukee, was the Congress's body of rules and regulations, which are contained in a 105-page, pocket-size booklet. Although only 25, he was with the Congress for seven years and managed to pick up chapter and verse acquaintance with the precepts governing the alley sport. During his service with the ABC, Matzelle often stepped down from his judicial chair and took a turn at cracking the maples himself. Just to show that his knowledge of the game isn't strictly theory, he confessed that he has hit as high as 252 for a single game and has rolled four times in the annual (until now) ABC tournament. He placed in the prize list once.

Officers of the Congress have been amazed, Private Matzelle said, at the way interest and participation in bowling have held up despite the war. Total membership in the organization—which represents the bulk of the country's organized kegling leagues—is expected to reach

about 145,000 teams this year. This will show a drop of some 40,000 teams from last year's figure but will still be far above pre-season expectations.

## Service Men Registered

Many service men's teams and even whole leagues made up of men in the armed forces are registered with the Congress, Matzelle said. The Congress offers free membership to these teams and also certifies alleys located at Army or Navy stations free of charge.

Location of some of the service leagues registered on the ABC's books is unknown, even to the Congress's officials. The leagues were organized outside the country and the only indication of their whereabouts is an Army Post Office number.

Private Matzelle was enthusiastic about the future of bowling after the end of the war. He pointed to the number of soldiers who are getting their first contact with the game at Army camps and also to the rapidly with which the sport is spreading among war workers. Many plants,

he said, have installed alleys and made bowling a part of their employee's daily routine, finding the exercise and diversion an aid to efficiency on the job.

Although his judging days are over for a while, Matzelle said he hoped he wasn't through bowling. "There must be some spare time in the Army," he said, "and I'd sure like to top that 252 game."

## Sill Teams Compete Among Selves

**FORT SILL, Okla.**—Emphasis on sports at Fort Sill is always on a number of closely matched teams fighting for the post championship, rather than on one good team which would represent the post against outside teams.

That will be especially true in basketball this year, as the cage fans on

## Louis Vs. Conn?

Not in Person But Their Teams May Meet Yet

Joe Louis and Bill Conn may meet yet. Not in person, mind you—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson probably has forestalled the proposed heavyweight title match for the duration. But if the boxing teams of Fort Riley, Kans., and Camp Lee, Va., ever get together in a scrap—and some of the latrine prognosticators are already looking forward to that day—you can bet your boots both Conn and Louis will be in the ring in spirit slugging it out with their pupils.

For Cpl. Billy Conn and Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow are boxing instructors at Fort Riley and Camp Lee respectively.

Conn just arrived at the Virginia Army post from Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. So far the Lee Quartermasters have met but one opponent but with Conn on the job it is hoped to widen boxing activities considerably.

Meanwhile, the Brown Bomber is a happy soldier in his coaching job out in Kansas. Unlike the reticent Joe of old he waxes eloquent now because he likes the Army and he likes his new assignment.

"This is what I want to do," he declares. "Besides being good for their condition, boxing teaches the guys how to take care of themselves. Maybe they might get into a jam without any guns and knowing how to use their fists would come in mighty handy."

Louis doesn't think very much of the present crop in the boxing ring. All the better fighters are in service, he says, and the contenders at present wouldn't last very long against any of the "good boys" now in the Army. Joe classes Billy Conn as one of those "good boys."

Of course, a lot of land separates Kansas from Virginia and what with priorities and strict training schedules and the like, odds are pretty heavy against teams coached by the two big-time pros ever meeting. But, shucks, you can't keep the latrine loungers from wishing.

## Chaplains Learn Judo To Replace Weapons

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—If soldiers of the 78th "Lightning" Division could see their chaplains tossing each other around in their morning classes of judo, chapel attendance would be even larger than it is.

The men of the cloth, soft spoken in the pulpit, and friendly and sympathetic in conferences, can be wildcats in judo as they take instruction in the Engineers and Medical Corps Recreations hall from Lt. John H. Maasen Jr. and Sgt. John M. Jacobsen, both of the Military Police unit.

## Don't Carry Weapons

Chaplains are not supposed to carry weapons, explained Maj. Thomas H. Reagan, division chaplain. Therefore, they're preparing to defend themselves with their second best weapons—bare hands.

The class grew out of a recent lecture to the chaplains by Maj. A. H. Oestreich, division provost marshal, explaining the relation of the chaplain's work to that of the military police. After that talk, the chaplains requested instruction in judo, which in military terms is simply "unarmed defense."

They met daily at 11 a.m. for lectures, demonstration, and practice, the latter phase of which was stressed by the instructors.

The classes are like other field instruction meetings. All listen attentively as Lieutenant Maasen opens with a brief talk on the principles of unarmed defense and a demonstration with Sergeant Jacobsen on how to break certain holds. Not only chaplains, but their clerks and organists take this instruction.

## Pair Off

A few demonstrations and the class is ready for practice. They pair off.

The unarmed defense training will come in handiest with stragglers and shell-shocked troops, Major Reagan believes.

"Chaplains," he stated, "must be prepared for physical action. Often they talk with stragglers who are shell-shocked or mentally deranged. The stragglers may break into violence. If the chaplain has practiced unarmed defense, he should be able to handle the man without any weapon and prevent trouble."

"Of course, the military police would probably be present, but they might be occupied, or too far away from the immediate vicinity to render assistance on time."

the post will see 20 teams battling in the post gymnasium for three championships, in the season that opens Jan. 15.

Eleven squads will be fighting for the post championship, which will be defended by the 18th FA quintet. The 31st Battalion of the Replacement Training Center will not defend its post colored cage championship, but five teams are contending for that vacated title.

Something new, at least for Fort Sill, will be a four-team league of officers that will include several of the college athletic stars who now hold commissions at Fort Sill.

While getting ready for the post season, some of the Fort Sill teams have scheduled games against outside opponents. The best record so far has been made by the 18th FA, defending champion, which downed the previously unbeaten Cameron College team, 45 to 35, recently.

After beating the collegians, however, the 18th was defeated by the Naval Training Base at Norman, Okla., 53 to 43.

What Price Glory?  
Gets Medal,  
Goes on KP

**CAMP CROWDER, Mo.**—A soldier in the Army is just a soldier—regardless of any prestige he may attain.

T/5th Richard Pelham, Co. H, 800th Signal Service Regiment, has found that out.

Pelham, who has a son and a brother in foreign service in the Army, was officially presented with the Purple Heart decoration by Col. Thomas Dedell, commanding the 800th, at a formal review here the other day. The following day Pelham went on KP. It was his regular turn.

The award was made for bravery displayed by Pelham in aiding a small detail clean out a machine gun nest in France in 1918 where he was a member of the 3rd Division, but the bestowing of it was delayed.



# Army Docs to Get Further Schooling

## Some Will Be Trained as Medical, Dental Specialists

The War Department this week acted to relieve an acute shortage of specialists in certain branches of the medical and dental professions by offering to give additional schooling to medical and dental officers. The training will consist of a series of special intensive courses in either Army or civilian medical schools.

Distribution of professional medical men trained for medical and surgical specialties has proved inadequate to meeting the demands of war. However, there are a number of men in the Army Medical Corps who have received one or two years of training in general surgery or a limited amount of training in specialist surgery who could, with a short, intensive course, become qualified as specialists.

Although a number of important subjects are to be dealt with in the courses, special emphasis will be placed on tropical medicine in the hope that both theater of operations and fixed units will have on their rolls medical officers familiar with the modern aspects and treatment of tropical diseases.

The courses, lasting six weeks in most instances and 12 weeks in some, began January 1 and will continue until June 30.

From 200 to 400 officers are to be selected for each of the courses. Allocations have been set up for the Office of the Surgeon General, the Army Air Forces, the Army Ground Forces, the Eastern Defense Command and the nine Service Commands in continental United States.

The training will be provided in the following specialties:

Neurosurgery; Maxillo-facial plastic surgery; thoracic surgery; surgery of extremities; anesthesiology; roentgenology; venereal disease control; clinical laboratory, and internal medicine.

Officers selected for these courses will be under 50 years of age with a keen desire to improve their qualifications. Only those officers who have had a minimum of 12 months' full time training or practical experience in general surgery.

Officers of the Dental Corps will

make up not more than one half of each quota filled for the maxillo-facial plastic surgery courses.

# 'Attic Art Club' Awards Prizes at First Exhibit

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The Attic Art Club, organized by and for soldiers stationed here who are interested in drawing and painting, awarded prize by popular vote of the spectators at its first exhibit. Held in a small "attic" room in one of the service clubs, the exhibit will remain on display until Sunday.

First prize was won by Pvt. Howard D. Becker, training with a camouflage unit, for his painting entitled Florida Woods. Awarded the Tiffany Foundation Scholarship, Private Becker has had several showings in Albany, and attended the Pratt Institute in New York City.

Winner of second prize was Pfc. A. Fralitz, 30th Division, for his cartoons of Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini. Fralitz's cartoons have appeared in several national magazines and he has been employed as an animator for the movies.

Founded by Pvt. Ulfert Wilke of the 30th Division, the Attic Art Club will take its exhibit of 46 paintings and drawings to the Civic Art Center in Jacksonville, Fla., where it will be shown to the general public beginning Jan. 15. Private Wilke explained that the paintings are voluntarily submitted by the soldiers of Camp Blanding and that the Attic Club will function both as an outlet for embryo Army artists and as a source of posters for lectures on medical instruction.

FORT CUSTER, Mich. — Radio broadcasts from Fort Custer have been temporarily discontinued with the conclusion of the 1942 schedule. It was reported by the post Special Services Office, which in conjunction with the public relations office, presents the programs.

Three weekly broadcasts from the fort have been carried recently over Station WEZO in Kalamazoo, Mich. The recess in radio activity here resulted from the scarcity of available time and the Kalamazoo station's inability to assume the financial burden of the show. Soldier talent comprised the entire shows.

Among the difficulties in presenting such programs is the impossibility of hiring radio engineers to handle controls on remote pickups, like the one from the Custer Reception Center Chapel or Service Club.

## Devens Digest

FORT DEVENS, Mass. — Sixteen sentry dogs have been brushing up on their obedience tests since their arrival here two weeks ago from the Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., and are all set to take posts at remote and vital installations in all sections of this huge fort.

Sgt. John Seibert, who came here with the dogs after three months' of joint training in Virginia, declared them ready and fit for duty.

He said that after dark, the well-trained canine guard is equal to half a dozen human sentries. A single dog may save thousands of lives through his alertness. It is said a dog can scent a person from 200 to 2000 feet away and will give the signal to the sentry.

### CAMP SHOW

The greatest magician in the world, Blackstone, came to Devens this week when USO-Camp Shows presented another big production which included Edmund Lowe, movie and radio star.

Harpo Marx, famed comedy-pantomimist and accomplished harpist, will headline another USO production, the musical revue, "Looping the Loop," Jan. 14, 15 and 16.

Hospital patients at Devens received a treat when Miss Sheila Barrett, famous impersonator, mimic and singer, put on a show for them this week.

Ten thousand books, more than 100 magazines a month, and modern lighting combine to make the new library at the Service Club a quiet haven for Devens' soldiers who seek a cheery atmosphere in which to read.

Demand on the old library necessitated a change into larger quarters with more shelf and floor space. The increase in books was made possible by the efforts of the American Library Association through victory book campaigns.

According to Miss Genevieve Boisclair, librarian, more soldiers prefer non-fiction than in a corresponding circulation of a public library.

## Eustis Parade

By Sgt. Jim Klutzes

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—A large number of former college basketball stars are included on the first basketball team to represent this post. Among them are Pvt. Art Feldman, Duquesne; Pvt. Jim Hearn, Georgia Tech.; Cpl. Edward Schurmann, New York University; Sgt. Ray Mitchell, Westminster; Cpl. Leroy Silcox, Butler; Cpl. Ed Billingham, Fairmont, and Pvt. Joseph Barile, Rutgers. Cpl. Dave Greer, one of the starting forwards, was a member of the Hanes Hosiery team of Winston-Salem, N. C., that won the Carolinas' AAU championship last winter. The squad is coached by Private Feldman, who, in addition to four years at Duquesne, played two seasons as a pro and has had seven years' coaching experience.

Pvt. Joseph Barozzi, of the 12th Battalion, in civilian life was a chef in some of the largest hotels in New York City, including the Waldorf-Astoria and the Astor. He's now attending Cooks' and Bakers' school here. Following a recent snowfall, Cpl. Russell Boyd, of one of the mess halls here, introduced a new delicacy to some of his pals—snow ice cream. A former vocalist for Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, Pvt. Vincent D'Aversa is now taking his basic training in the 14th Battalion. His crooning has improved the barracks melody quite a bit.

Pvts. Jules P. Ravat and Louis J. Levesque, of the 12th Battalion, were members of the Army of Occupation in Germany at the close of World War I. They have plenty of reminiscing to do in their spare hours.

One of the highlights of the past week was the New Year's Eve dance held in Service Club No. 1. A large group of men were on hand with approximately 150 young ladies from the Peninsula area as guests. The ballroom was gaily decorated for the occasion, with a large and beautiful Christmas tree occupying the center of the floor. At 12 o'clock sharp pandemonium broke loose to the tune of screeching horns, buzzing rachets, bursting balloons, and myriads of other kinds of noise-makers.

# Soldiers Read 'Heavy' Literature

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—The 78th "Lightning" Division soldiers are reading heavier literature and using the division library to a greater extent, the December report of Miss Mildred Young, librarian, reveals.

The circulation of non-fiction books including technical manuals and scientific volumes on all phases of warfare soared above the number of fiction books issued—a reversal of the circulation ratio in civilian libraries, where fiction invariably steals the

show, Miss Young reported. There were 330 non-fiction books issued in December as compared to 285 books of fiction.

The November report showed 287 non-fiction books and 330 of fiction in circulation. Interest in the science of warfare and its allied topics has grown as the training program of infantrymen has progressed, the figures indicate.

The library had an attendance of 8,339 for December, compared with approximately 7,500 for November, Miss Young reported. This does not mean that 8,339 soldiers attended, because there is no way of checking on the number of repeaters and "steady customers" she asserted. However, it does reveal that the library was used about 800 more times

in December than in November.

Significant in the report was large attendance on Christmas Day and on New Year's Eve. On Christmas Day, when the training program took a pause for holiday observance, there was an attendance of 558, compared with an average daily attendance of 268. On New Year's Eve, when the "swing" music of a dance band in the service club ballroom adjacent to the library was helping to ring in the New Year, there were 217 soldiers bending over books in the library.

## Infantry Colonel Gets Medal for Gallantry

Col. John E. Grose, Infantry, has been awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action, the War Department announced.

The award was given "for gallantry in action against the enemy near Buna Village, New Guinea. During an attack on Buna Village, with complete disregard for his own safety and under heavy enemy fire he directed his troops in the attack from a forward command post about 100 yards from the enemy front lines. Colonel Grose's presence, composure, and fearlessness was an important factor in the success of the attack."

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FORT MCCLELLAN, Ala. — The Branch Immateral Replacement Training Center — BIRTC — a designation which has become almost as synonymous with the military reservation here as the name Fort McClellan itself, passes out of existence this week.

At least in the editorial rooms of newspapers to which copy from this training center has been dispatched during the 12-month life of the BIRTC no copious tears will be shed at its passing.

For unwieldy, cumbersome and all-consuming of the space so very precious to newsmen today the BIRTC, spread out in all its full-lettered largess surely caused browns to crease the brow of both editor and head-writer alike.

Nor did the Public Relations Office escape the plague of the lengthy designatory title. Scarcely a week went by that did not bring its number of queries from all sections of the country as to what BIRTC meant.

But that's all gone by, like 1942, and the BIRTC has given way to the IRTC, shorter and more self-explanatory, and for certain, decidedly more acceptable to editors and head-writers alike.

Clothes don't always "make the man" but they go a long way toward it, the Army thinks. In fact, officers at the Officer Candidate Preparatory School here at Fort McClellan are so sold on that belief they've ordered 30 full-length mirrors — to be hung in prominent places in the school buildings so the officer candidates will be constantly reminded of the quality of neatness in appearance which our Army demands.

Men of the IRTC here at Fort McClellan are very much like their fellow-soldiers at other Army camps in their drinking habits. Just as representatives of the Office of War Information, in surveying army camps over a radius of 12,000 miles, found today's soldier a temperate, moderate drinking man, so a survey of the drinking habits of the men of McClellan discloses the same tendencies.

IRTC men consumed three bottles of soda for every bottle of beer, the 22 variety sold at the Post Exchange, and proved to be preponderantly soft-drink, candy and ice-cream addicts rather than alcoholic imbibers.

## Rules on Uniforms Given To Hostesses, Librarians

Army hostesses and librarians need not wear their prescribed uniforms when attending a dance or social function where evening dress is appropriate, even though the affair is at a post, camp, station or any military installation, the War Department has ruled.

The official communique states that the uniform must be worn at all times on duty and at all times on an Army post, with the following options:

- Off duty in own house or quarters.
- Off duty and attending a social

## 30 Year Hitch Served In Two Organizations

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J. — Retired from the Army after 30 years' service in the Signal Corps, all with only two organizations, an unusual record, Master Sgt. Frank Dennings, World War veteran who was cited twice and decorated once, was guest of honor at a review of his own 15th Signal Service Regiment here, standing with Col. Frank H. Curtis, commanding officer.

When the ranks came onto the reviewing line and the men did "eyes right" they honored a man who joined the organization in November, 1924, when it was the 15th Signal Service Company and became first sergeant. He later served as sergeant major when it became the 15th Signal Service Battalion and as regimental sergeant major when it was activated as a regiment in 1941.

Sergeant Dennings enlisted in the Army at Columbus, O., Sept. 21, 1912,

and was first assigned to Field Company A, Fort Omaha, Neb. He remained with this unit, later renamed successively, Radio Company A, Second Field Company Battalion and First Signal Company, through service at Panama Canal Zone and in the World War.

His foreign service ribbon carries stars for action at St. Mihiel, Soissons, Cantigny, Argonne. Sergeant Dennings was cited by General Pershing and General Somerville and was decorated with the Order of Leopold the Second.

Not yet 50 years old, black-haired and trim, Sergeant Dennings smiled when asked how it felt to be retired.

"What do you mean retired?" he asked, "they put me out of the Army but they can't get rid of me. I have a job at Camp Wood as a civilian and I'll be on the job as usual, bright and early next year."

## Confident Start Year With a 'V'

CAMP FORREST, Tenn. — Four soldiers from Co. D, 319th Infantry, 80th Division, confident that 1943 is the winning year for the United Nations, this week had their hair cut in a V for Victory manner.

Pvt. Steve Szoke, company D's barber, explained "Privates David Smith, Walter Bendrick, Willard Gable, and Robert Stewart came to me and wanted me to shave all the hair off their head—except enough to outline the letter V, because that would symbolize Victory for the United Nations, which they were sure would be attained during this new year. I thought it was a good idea and proceeded to give the 'V-for-Victory-in-43 haircut.'"

## Camp Bond Drive Off to Good Start

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky. — Pfc. Ben M. Shaw started the 1943 Camp Campbell War Bond Drive with the purchase of a \$500 bond, Lt. Albert W. Touchet, war bond officer, announced. Private Shaw had decided to buy a bond with whatever he received for the sale of his car.

## It's Nothing New To Need Dough, But Oh To Knead It!

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La. — When a soldier needs dough, it's not news, but when 24 soldiers knead dough, and 18,000 pounds of it each day, that's news.

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Steps are being taken to remedy the difficulties and it is expected that the mixing machines will be back in operation soon.

## Army War Show 'Actors' Given OCS Assignments

Of the 2,000 enlisted men who were in the cast of the Army War Show, which disbanded on December 20 at Atlanta, Ga., 102 will be in Officer Candidate Schools by the end of January, the War Department announced.

The 102 men, having been examined by a board of officers and found qualified, have been assigned to 14

different Officer Candidate Schools as follows:

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## GI Radio Shows Returns To Air To Meet Requests

DALLAS, Tex.—That you can't keep a good program down is shown by announcement that "What's Your Name, Soldier?" popular War Bond radio show, came back to the airwaves Jan. 4.

The musical entertainment show, by and for soldiers, will be broadcast every Monday at 9:30 p.m. over the Texas Quality Network stations (WFAA, Dallas; WBAP, Fort Worth; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRG, Houston). WFAA will be the originating studio.

Produced by the War Bond and Insurance Section of the Eighth Service Command, the program was broadcast for 13 weeks from station WOAI, San Antonio. When headquarters was moved to Dallas, the show was temporarily taken off the air.

Requests for the reinstatement of the program came in to headquarters from camps, fields and stations over the five states of the Service Command. Ex-Texans and ex-Southwest residents, now stationed in distant camps, sent in letters asking for the return to the air of "What's Your Name, Soldier?"

Although only soldiers may participate in the program by sending in song titles and identifying songs played, as well as furnishing special entertainment features, the show developed a large listening audience of civilians, too. Awards of war saving stamps will continue to lucky soldiers and their namesakes.

The Fifth Ferrying Command's Orchestra, from Love Field, Tex., has been chosen as the official soldier orchestra for "What's Your Name, Soldier?"

## Sill 2nd Lieutenants Get More Schooling

FORT SILL, Okla.—Two Fort Sill organizations have started "post-graduate" courses for lieutenants recently assigned from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School.

Under the direction of Col. John J. Turner, commanding officer, and Maj. W. C. George, regimental S-3, the 18th FA is conducting a school for 39 second lieutenants. It is expected to run for about three weeks.

## Mail

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## Quiz Answers

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1. \$900.
2. The first airplane carrier, the Langley, was commissioned as such in 1922.
3. The choice was an arbitrary one and has no particular significance.
4. 14,000.
5. 11,000, according to the Office of War Information. This is the first war in which the Indian has been subject to the draft.
6. 238. They range from size 4 1/2 to 16.
7. C.
8. B. The French and British tried for 11 months to take the city.
9. 9. They are the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.
10. A. This leaves the soldier's right hand free for saluting.

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